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Left to right; Bill Brower, President of Oak Lawn Bank and Beth Gelman.



Check out Jacki Mari's predictions for the upcoming month on page 6



Thanks to the efforts of Kim Duignan of 9344 S. Sacramento in Evergreen Park, Christmas at her home and that of her parents William and Jean Duignan plus brother bill, the homestead was ablaze with holiday lights. Kim has decorated the house for several years immediately after Thanksgiving, to the delight of neighbors and passers by. She uses 3,000 lights and a Santa and his reindeer sled which she climbs on the roof to erect. Also, nine Disney characters which Kim made out of plywood measuring four feet high plus moving illuminated figures in the window. It all adds up to a ho-ho merry Yule.

Season greetings were plentiful in the OL Children's museum

by Annette Dixon

In the background a very important person by the name of Irene O'Connor volunteers her time even though she works. Yes there is a Santa Claus. Also another person in one of the pictures is a teenager, yes there are teenagers out there that want to still volunteer. With a wish, a dream and then a reality, the Oak Lawn Children's Museum is here in Oak Lawn.

The following board members along with some past member helped to procure grants for the exhibit in the Children's Museum: Darlene Blanz, Anne, Bonovich, Bill Brouwer, Jim and Joan Buschback, Cathy Cepican, Diane Falkenthal, Beth Gelman, Mary Grana, Marge Joy, Steve and Lynn Loulousis, Michelle Loynech, Gene Mondello, Quinn Mucher, William Prusinsky, Ron Rescigna, Linda Streit, Bob Titzer.

Along with monetary donations and volunteer help and donations from many, this museum is ready to expand to larger headquarters. If anyone is interested in helping the Children's Museum in some way, please call Beth Gelman 708-423-6709.



Oak Lawn Police Department, Dare Program, initiated a special day after Christmas to have children fingerprinted for IDs. Several volunteers are shown above.

Evergreen Park purchases police patrol car for one dollar

by Matt Mayer

At the December 15th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor James Sexton announced that a board of review - tax review presentation is slated for January 15th at 6 pm in the Village Hall Council Chambers, which will be sponsored by Commissioner Maureen Murphy. Sexton stated, "If you have a problem with your tax bill, this is the place to be on this date". Residents will be instructed on how to contest and appeal their tax bill.

Sexton announced that the snow removal plan is in effect and that cars parked along designated no parking routes will be ticketed, when two or more inches of snow has fallen. Sexton also requested that resident's not blow or shovel snow back onto the streets and to park on alternate sides - by parking on even days on the even side of the street and on odd days parking on the odd side, when there is a heavy snow.

This helps to facilitate snow removal.

Sexton also announced as of date - the village has received over 3000 positive responses in regards to the Target Store survey. He said the village would be presenting these surveys to Target Corporation. "I can't say at this time if Target will be coming to the Plaza - however, the Village and Target have renewed conversations," Sexton said.

The board approved to enter into an agreement with Government Acquisition Inc to purchase a police patrol car for \$1. The agreement allows Government Acquisition Inc to advertise on the vehicle, with the Village having the right to final approval of such advertising. The patrol car will replace the current DARE car.

The following Business Regulations Certificates were approved: E. M. Branch & Associates, a social service office at 9730 S. Western Ave, Suite 741-742.

NAPA Evergreen Park, an auto parts store at 3106 W. 95th St, The Talon Group, a title insurance co at 3759 W. 95th St, Suite 1, and Happy Shear's Salon, a beauty salon at 3568 W. 95th St.

The board also approved a request from Police Chief Michael Saunders to promote James Healy to Sergeant.

Village Engineer, Tim Klass reported that he has spoken to IDOT representatives in regards to correcting the timing problems with the railroad gates and traffic lights at 94th and Kedzie Ave. Klass stated that a hardware problem appears to be causing the malfunctions and that a correction is being researched. Klass also stated that at the CSX Railroad Crossing at 87th, 91st, and 95th St, pedestrian safety gates are being installed, eliminating some of the whistle noise from passing trains, and that hopefully after completion, the safety gates will also be installed on the Canadian National tracks. The next meeting will be Jan. 5th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

News about our service personnel

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. David Garcia, son of Maria G. Gutierrez of Bridgeview, Marine Corps Pvt. Christopher E. Mann, son of Cathy Murray of Oak Lawn, Marine Corps Pvt. Andrew J. Farrell, son of Sandra Farrell of Justice and Roger Farrell of Chicago, and Marine Corps Pvt. John P. Rice, all recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge recruits both physically and mentally.

Garcia, Mann, Farrell and Rice began their training at 5 am, by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical condition program, they spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Garcia, Mann, Farrell and Rice and other recruits also

received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean personally and in professional conduct.

They ended the training phase with a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony where he was presented the Marine Corps Emblem and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Garcia is a 2003 graduate of Argo Community High School of Summit, Mann is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School of Oak Lawn, Farrell is a 2002 graduate of Marist High School of Chicago and Rice is a 2001 graduate of Reavis High School of Burbank.

Army Spec. Festus O. Togbeola has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Togbeola is the cousin of

Bowale-Adglekan of 88th Ave. Apartments, Justice.

Marine Corps Pfc. Angelo Mandile, son of Angelo Mandile of Chicago, recently graduated from the Cannon Crewman Course while assigned to the U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, OK.

During the course, Mandile received instruction on the identification and use of artillery ammunition, and the characteristics, functions and duties of his assigned job.

Mandile is a 2003 graduate of St. Laurence High School of Burbank.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Stacy L. Johnson and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark C. Porcelli, son of Judy and Vince Porcelli of Chicago, and fellow Sailors and Marines assigned to the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, recently hosted U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld during his recent visit.

Rumsfeld commended the crew of Blue Ridge and the Seventh Fleet for their devoted service and the sacrifices they make while serving their country. While in the region, the Secretary also visited servicemembers in Okinawa and South Korea.

Johnson and Porcelli's ship serves as the Seventh Fleet command ship with a crew of more than 800 Sailors. Johnson is a 2002 graduate of Richards High School, Oak Lawn, and Porcelli is a 1999 graduate of Cosmo College Preparatory High School of Chicago. He joined the Navy in May 1999.

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Christian W. Tichelar, son of Kimberly A. and Craig W. Tichelar of Chicago, and Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice David J. Hollandsworth, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J., and was promoted to his present rank.

During the eight week training program, Tichelar and Hollandsworth completed a curriculum consisting of classroom academics and practical instruction on military customs and courtesies, water safety and survival, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness and health.

Tichelar, Hollandsworth and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values--honor, respect and devotion to duty--and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

To reinforce the team concept, Tichelar, Hollandsworth, and other recruits were trained in preventing

sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management. Tichelar and Hollandsworth are now among 36,000 men and women who comprise the Coast Guard's force.

Tichelar is a 2003 graduate of Chicago Christian High School of Palos

Heights and Hollandsworth is a 2003 graduate of Southside Baptist High School of Oak Lawn.

Navy Seaman Recruit Jennifer M. Lotus, a 2002 graduate of Queen of Peace High School, Burbank, recently reported for duty with Naval Station Security Detachment, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Hickory Hill's mayor honors hometown hero and approves ordinance for pillars

By Matt Mayer

The December 18th Hickory Hills City Council meeting commenced with Mayor Mike Howley stating: "As all of you probably know, we have a local hometown hero, our very own Col. James Hickey, who was instrumental in capturing Saddam Hussein. Hickey grew up in Hickory Hills, attended St. Patricia Grammar School and went on to St. Lawrence High School.

On December 16th The Associated Press reported Col Hickey coordinated the movements of the 600-strong force that pulled Saddam from his underground hideaway. And that Hickey said on December 15th that American forces began in July to assemble the evidence and intelligence that led to Saddam's weekend capture in a "spider hole" dug into a farmyard near his hometown. Hickey also said Special Forces soldiers were seconds from pitching a hand grenade into Saddam's tiny underground refuge when the fugitive dictator's hands appeared above ground in surrender.

Howley said "On behalf of the City, I would like to personally congratulate Col. James Hickey and the men and women he commanded". He said since this happened rather quickly, the city hurried to place signs at some of the major intersections, expressing the city's pride.

Howley also stated he has contacted Senator Maloney as well as the Windy City Veterans Affairs and Association and that they indicated that they wish to have a ceremony in Hickory Hills when Col Hickey returns to town, at which time the date of the ceremony will be announced.

Angered residents filled

the City Council Chambers and several residents spoke out against the controversial special use permit which would allow The Pillars, a Summit-based out-reach center to operate a day care facility and counseling services in the former Northwestern Business College. The major complaints centered around the safety of the children being in the same building which provides counseling services for persons addicted to drugs and alcohol as well as people suffering from mental illness.

John Shustitzky, CEO of The Pillars, said much of the counseling services that Pillars offers is dedicated to the victims of physical and sexual assault and that the Pillars doesn't provide counseling to the perpetrators of such crimes. In regards to safety issues for the children, Shustitzky stated that the two facilities would be separate from one another. "Our child care program is no different than anyone else's no one off the street can just walk in. Children will be perfectly safe at all times," he said.

However this didn't seem to ease the concerns of 4th ward resident, Frank Ramirez, who moved to Hickory Hills several years ago. He stated that he believes a day care center and counseling service facility should not be located in the same building. He also said the community will change with the influx of the Pillar's clients and that people will be coming in with mental illness, drug dependency and alcohol abuse problems. "I'm going to have to sell my house", he said.

One resident asked Mayor Mike Howley if he would be afraid to send his child to the day care center. Howley stated, "With what I

know now about this organization, I would not be afraid." Howley urged the residents to reconsider their position. He said, "This was not a rush to judgment by any means. The issues have been looked at thoroughly by your City Council members - Pillars will be a sound, safe part of the community and not a public safety threat in the least."

Also Alderman Tom McAvoy stated that he had visited the area in which the Pillars is now located on Archer Ave in Summit. McAvoy said he walked along Archer Ave and asked area businesses if they had any problems with The Pillars - the answer was a unanimous no. He said he even took this one step further and walked around the residential area asking residents the same questions - some residents didn't even know about the organization being there. Others said they know that they help people but weren't quite sure what they do.

The only problem he heard was a parking problem at times along Archer Ave, which will not be a problem at the former Northwestern Business College location.

McAvoy said that if he had heard any complaints, he would not have voted yes. Perhaps the most moving statement came from a resident who stated that everyone is afraid of living in an area where these people will be coming. "Try to live with a teenager who has problems - if the Pillars were here, my 20 year old son may not have taken his life - at least I would have had somewhere to turn", she said. The City Council voted 5-3 to approve the ordinance. The Pillars didn't need a special use permit to continue providing counseling services. The special use permit is to operate the day care center.

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Marist students participate in the annual blood drive.

Marist students form their faith through action

Marist High School Students are extending their capabilities beyond the classroom and into the community. Ninety-five senior students travel to volunteer sites daily to spend 1½ hours serving those in need. These worksites include local hospitals, special needs facilities and nursing homes. Students have the opportunity to participate in this yearlong service project as their senior religion class. This is an opportunity that allows student to live out their faith in an active way.

The senior service project has been a part of Marist for the last 25 years. Mr. John Hyland, Mr. Vince Andiorio, and Ms. Katie Gallagher are the coordinators of the program and members of the Campus Ministry Department at Marist.

Gallagher explains, "I believe this is one the best programs Marist has to offer its students. It teaches students responsibility while giving them the freedom of being out of the classroom. Students gain needed skills in real world job settings while simultaneously furthering their faith development."

In addition, students are organizing service projects from within the school, as well. The Marist Spanish National Honor Society hosted the annual Marist Blood Drive on October 3, 2003. Members of both societies donated their time and energy to coordinate all aspects of the blood drive. Thanks to their tireless efforts and hard work throughout the day, the blood drive was a success. With the generosity of students and faculty, enough blood was collected to help hundreds of patients.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

True Family Values Ministry holds banquet

True Family Values Ministry Eight annual awards banquets was held recent. Bishop Ki Hoon Kim FFWPU Midwest Director and Bruce Sutchar were co-chairs for the event. The Pastor T.L. Barrett, Jr., from the Life Center Church of God in Christ gave the welcoming remarks. Proclamation were made that day from the United State Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert, Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka, the Governor of the State of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich and Secretary of State Jesse White.

It was enjoyable listening to a fantastic speaker, Archbishop George A. Stallings from the Imani Temple, Washington, DC. A most enjoyable and educational event took place at the Hilton Chicago Hotel in the International and Grand Ballroom. The banquet was presented in a spiritual and meaningful way which made the holidays most bearable.

News from CR Public Library

The Friends of the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, are sponsoring craft classes for adults. A Beginning Knitting class will start on Monday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. Participants will learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. An Art Workshop starts on Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. This class will cover sketching with pastel chalks and basic portrait techniques. Craft classes run for three weeks, and there is a \$10 fee for the three-week session. Stop by the library to register and pick up a list of the supplies you will need before the first class. For more information, call Pam at 423-7753 or visit our website: www.chicagoridge.lib.il.us.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, continues its Free Movie Night and Free Movie Matinee throughout the winter months. The film based on Laura Hillenbrand's novel *Seabiscuit*, novel will be shown on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 7th, at 11:00 a.m. Johnny Depp's swash-buckling adventure movie will be shown on Tuesday, January 20th, at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, January 21st, at 11:00 a.m. More titles and showings are available at the library and on our website: www.chicagoridge.lib.il.us. Adults are invited to join us for some popcorn and free movies. Call 423-7753 to register and ask details about the titles.



The view of Oak Lawn's Library from the Village Hall

Progress continues on the Oak Lawn Public Library

This winter, the library's addition will be finished and open for public use. Once this happens, renovations will commence on all three floors of the older portion of our facility. The grand opening for the entire building project is scheduled to take place this spring.

Please be advised that it will be necessary to close the library for several days, sometimes on short notice, to conduct large-scale furniture and equipment moves into the new addition and other remodeled areas of the building. You may also face limited access to some library resources and materials for short periods of time. Closing announcements and other timely information will be posted on the library's entry doors, provided during our opening phone greeting and released to local newspapers, if time permits.

At completion in Spring 2004, library patrons will experience 25% more space and the following additions and improvements:

Flying Club to meet

The 107th Aerosquadron R/C Flying Club has a meeting at the John A. Oremus Community Center, 7401 W. 75th Street, Bridgeview, IL on Monday January 12, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in R/C modeling is welcome. Questions- Call Scott Mertens 708-532-0961.

The 107th Aerosquadron is a non-profit AMA sanctioned club promoting Sport Flying of Radio controlled model airplanes.

Friends of OL Library plan trip

The Friends of Oak Lawn Library will host a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago on Wednesday January 21. Registration was in December. Call the library at 708-422-4990 to inquire on availability. Cost is \$63 for non-members.

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What New Year's Means to Me

When the clock strikes midnight on the last night of the year, the icy, January air will be abuzz with the grand anticipation of new beginnings. It's the same, Auld Lang Syne that greets us at every year's end.

For most of us there will be a vow to either quit smoking or overeating--the two most popular obstacles to overcome.

We've feasted through the hustle and bustle of Christmas with a renewed hope that, by the time the big silver ball drops in Times' Square, our pesky little demons of habit will vanish, never to return again.

But, as most of us come to realize, those promises we make to ourselves at the shout of 'Happy New Year' are distant memories long before we're betting on whose going to win the Superbowl. Even though we know this it still doesn't stop us from sharing our personal pledge with family and friends as our high hopes soar towards the new year.

I don't know about you but I've never met anyone who has made those kinds of New Year's resolutions and actually stuck with for any length of time. Yet the ritual continues, year after year.

Looking back at all the years I have made, and broken promises to myself I've come to realize that there's a pattern being played out and it has nothing to do with whether we persevere or not.

As long as we have something to hope for--to tell ourselves it will be worth it to at least try for--is worth all the hype and hope the last day of the year has to offer.

My resolution to lose weight has been at the top of my self-improvement, wish list for as long as I've given up cigarettes for snacks. And, it will be the same this year. I'm fully aware that I'll most likely fall off the weight loss wagon when the first chocolate brownie gets passed my way.

But, on this last day of 2003, I can still dream and hold onto the belief that I can achieve it if I really want to.

I'm passed the fooling myself stage, and I'm getting too old to set my sights so high that I'd blindly fall like a lead balloon if the new year wasn't filled with the helium of hope for sweet success.

A vision of a sleek and slender me will probaly always be just that--a vision--like sugar plums daneing in my head. And that's okay because this year I'm cutting myself some slack, for the dawn of this new year means so much more to me now that I am older.

It means a chance to do better in whatever it is that you do. It means not living up to anyone else's standards but your own. It means a chance to be better--to like yourself more and care a little less about what others may think.

It means a chance to dream--and whether or not the dream comes true--it doesn't really matter as much as the fact that you dared to have a dream at all.

On this very last night in Decembei, I will remind myself that life is way too short for pettiness and bitterness. And, if I can make the slightest bit of difference, for the better, in 2004, then this year's goals will be reached--to stress less and forgive more.

Ours is a bounty of blessings, on this the last night of the year waiting on the wings of new beginnings that once again are ours to elaim and cheer.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU NOW AND ALWAYS



Austin Schwartz (left) and Eddie Bloodsworth (right) have fun while getting in shape.

Overweight children are new trend

Studies in the US and Canada have found that two-thirds of North Americans are overweight to the extent that they are threatening their health and well-being.*

The second-leading cause of preventable deaths is obesity and studies show that 70% of overweight children will become overweight adults.** The effects of obesity on our children have been well documented, but what is being done to curb the trend? Video games, the

Internet, and the lack of



Benjamin Schwartz (back left) and Paul Maggiore (foreground right) show fitness can be enjoyable for all ages.

physical education at schools certainly aren't helping.

The Movin' and Groovin' Fitness For Kids videos were created by caring parents to bring exercise into the lives of their children and the children of the world. Used throughout the world and in hospitals and school districts all over North America, these professionally-produced workout videos were created with kids in mind.

From stretching to cardiac, Linda Harris, a Certified Aerobic Instructor, and Air Force Staff Sgt. Tony Webb, a Certified Personal Trainer, developed workout routines for each age group based upon their collective expertise and experience. The workouts are set to a variety of original, upbeat, motivating songs with genres such as rap, calypso, swing, and country.

The Associated Press, Stars and Stripes, The Early Show, and more have covered these videos, so get your kids off the couch and on their way to a healthy, fit lifestyle with Movin' and Groovin': Fitness For Kids 1 for ages 4-8 or Movin' and Groovin': Fitness For Kids 2 for ages 8 and up.

Visit ExerciseForKids.com for more information or to order.*Health Canada **St. Petersburg Times

On Track Singles have socials

January 10th, Saturday, Willowbrook Ballroom, 7:00 P.M. Admission is free! Dinner will be at Greco's which

is next door to the Willowbrook Ballroom located at 8900 S. Archer Ave. (Rt. 171) in Willow Springs. We leave St. Mary's south parking lot at 7:00 P.M. or meet us at the Willowbrook Ballroom by 6:30 P.M. The dancing begins at 8:00 P.M. Contact John Bobek at 773-585-8242 for more info or to register.

January 17th, Saturday, Dinner + Movie Night, 3:00 P.M. Need another movie fix? We will leave St. Mary's south parking lot promptly at 3:00 P.M. for the Quarry Theaters at 63rd and LaGrange Road in Hodgkins. Dinner TBA. For more info or to register, call John at 773-585-8242.

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Advocate Christ Medical Center announces January programs



Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, has scheduled the following community education classes and support group meetings for January. For the latest up-to-date information or to register, call Christ Medical Center's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622 (unless otherwise noted) and refer to code number listed. Please note that some support groups have changed their date, time and/or location to provide more convenient meeting facilities.

Diabetic Patient Education Classes - Free outpatient diabetes education classes are offered in day and evening sessions at the Diabetes/Endocrine Center located at the Advocate Christ Family Practice Center, 4140 Southwest Highway, Hometown. Individuals will receive in-depth education on Diabetes, glucose monitoring, and prevention of complications, nutrition and exercise. Two-session day classes will be held the first Monday and Tuesday of the month from

1 to 3 p.m.; two-session evening classes will be held the second Monday and Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration is required no later than the Friday before the sessions begin. Code: 1D01

Pediatric Diabetic Support Group (new day and location) - A free support group for children with diabetes and their parents will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Christian Life Center, 2nd floor, Room 207, 6363 W. 183rd St., Tinley Park, from September through May. No registration required; however, attendees are limited to children with diabetes and their parents. Code: 1D03

Post-Polio Support Group (new day and location) - A support group for polio survivors, their families, and friends to explore and discuss issues regarding polio and post polio syndrome will meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Southwest Community Services, 6775 Prosper Drive, Tinley Park. Meetings are free and family members and friends are welcome. No registration required. Code: 1X03

Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group - A free support group for individuals who are suffering from an eating disorder will meet at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. For location of the meeting and more information, please call 708-388-5413.

Alzheimer's Support Group - A free support

group for families dealing with Alzheimer's and other diseases related to aging will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Evergreen Healthcare Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. No registration required. For more information contact Sharon Lauber, Dementia Coordinator at 708-229-3036.

Congestive Heart Failure Support Group (new day and location) - A free support group for persons with congestive heart failure and their families will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Advocate Christ Family Practice Center, 4140 Southwest Highway, Hometown. No registration required. Code: 1C06

Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group (new time and location) - A free support group for individuals battling lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, patients on oxygen or experiencing shortness of breath, will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Fifth Third Bank, 3101 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park. No registration required. Code: 1C22

Sharing the Journey (new location) - Small group sessions for individuals who have experienced the death of a significant person in

their lives will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday of the month at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4660 W. 94th Street, Oak Lawn. No registration required. There is no longer a meeting on the third Friday of the month. Code: 1M02

Caring Connection (new location) - Small group sessions for parents who have experienced the death of a child either through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the third Monday of the month at EMS Academy (formerly Gaddis School), 4201 W. 93rd St., (west entrance), Room 22, Oak Lawn. No registration required. Code: 1M03

Prostate Cancer Support Group - A free support and education group for men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer, and their families and friends, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium, B and C. No registration required. Code: 1C15

Look Good...Feel Better - A free workshop, provided by certified/trained cosmetologists, teaches female cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help restore their appearance and self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Women learn about makeup techniques, skin care, nail care and options related to hair loss, such as wigs, turbans and scarves. The program, offered in partnership with the American Cancer Society, the National Cosmetology Association, and the Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association (CTFA) Foundation, is held from 4 to 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in

Medical information

the medical center's Red Room. Registration is required. Code: 1C17

Breast Prosthesis Display - This informative display provides women who have undergone mastectomy the opportunity to evaluate prosthesis options. Display session will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. Code: 1C11

Stroke Support Group - A free support group for stroke survivors, their family and friends will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Park Room. No registration is required. Code: 1X08

Brachial Plexus Support Group (new time) - A free support group for children and adults with a brachial plexus injury will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Kids Cafe at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. No meeting will be held in November. Code: 1X06

Breast Cancer Support Group - A free support group for women who have a history of breast cancer and their families will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the medical center's Red Room. No registration required. Code: 1C14

P.O.P.S. (Pediatric Oncology Parents Support) - A free support group for parents or caregivers of children with cancer will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in room 2176 of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital to support each other and help families of

newly diagnosed children cope with their stress. No registration required. Code: 1P08

Senior Breakfast Club - Area seniors are invited to attend a free presentation from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the third Friday of the month at Fifth Third Bank located at 95th and Utica Ave. in Evergreen Park. This program is part of a monthly series of free talks by the Senior Advocate department. Registration is necessary.

Arthritis Support Group - In partnership with the Illinois Arthritis Foundation, a free support and education group for individuals with arthritis and their families will meet at 11 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Peace Memorial Church, 10300 W. 131st Street, Palos Park.

Mall Walkers Program - As part of the Mall Walkers Program, Advocate Christ Medical Center offers free monthly lectures and occasional health screenings at Ford City Mall, 7601 S. Cicero Avenue at 9 a.m. in the North Room the last Tuesday of the month. Participation in the program is free and open to the public. Code: 1C00

Emotions Anonymous (new location) - A free 12-step program for people who have had or are having emotional difficulties will meet from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday at New Spirit Lutheran Church, 8600 S. Kilpatrick, Chicago and every Monday at 11 a.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church (Kaufman Hall), 8607 S. Naragansett, Burbank. No registration re-

This Way to Wealth

By Alan Nadolna

Congress has just passed new Medicare legislation. While we can debate the real impact of the prescription drug benefit, there are some real tax benefits included in this legislation that impact small employers, the self-employed and those who have individual, not group medical insurance coverage.

For small employers, particularly those that are partnerships and subchapter-s corporations, a seldom-used benefit is now even more attractive. Medical savings accounts have now been renamed "Health Savings Accounts" or HAS.

These new accounts provide for a deduction for a family of up to \$5,100. These are fully tax deductible contributions, and withdrawals

from the accounts, for health related expenses are non-taxable. Imagine, we can now pre-fund Medicare premiums, long term care and numerous other expenses on a fully tax-advantaged basis.


The rules are generally the same for the self-employed. Why more entrepreneurs haven't adopted medical savings accounts is puzzling. The numbers are compelling. You cannot expend more with these plans than with traditional health plans - you must save money. Despite this, far fewer plans have been adopted than would be expected.

Now, those who don't have a business, but purchase individual health insurance, get the same tax break as the business owner/entrepreneur. That means that a fully tax deductible account can be established with as much as \$5,100. I have a high deductible medical plan for my family - our premium is \$6,000 a year less than a tra-

ditional plan. My deductible is \$5,000, after that all expenses are paid at 100 percent. How can I lose? Maximum expense is \$5,000, premium savings are \$6,000! Now I can deposit up to \$5,000 in an HSA, making the overall plan even better.

Study the benefits of high deductible plans, coupled with HSA's. for additional information contact: The Associates Group, 633 Skokie Blvd., #480, Northbrook, IL 60062, email: aifp@aol.com.

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Water Signs: Many decisions to make about money and family issues. You could find yourself doing things you never thought you had the courage to do, and going places you never thought you would consider going to. So, you see, 2004 means to "move it" or you will go into 05 being confused and disappointed in yourself. To make new inroads you simply do things differently than you have been doing and all things necessary to making that change will move into it with you. E and W may be involved more involved as the year progresses.

Earth Signs: Most of you become SSS, sexy, sexy and more sexy no matter what your age may be. It is also a time to meet new challenges head-on and design ways to overcome them, and, you can! You can get unusual helps from a friend or someone you will meet, perhaps an H or a D. Keep in mind that sudden changes in other people's plans can affect your own plans. Stay on top of what is going on and who is involved in all that is going on. Some disharmony is indicated. Look to Aries and Scorpio people to become close allies.

Fire Signs: Pay attention to your work area and what might become necessary to add to whatever you do to make you more financially successful. Don't fall for those "get rich schemes" you receive in the mail. Check things out thoroughly before investing, even in real estate or time-shares. You are soon on the move financially that can win or bring you "biggee" bucks. The New Year means new bosses for some, becoming self-employed is for others. L and C may be involved in helping you to meet the right people who can help make your plans a reality.

Air Signs: January screams out at you, "remodel, decorate, or move on!" So, many of you should be considering making housing improvements. Doing the things you "want" to do is also indicated, such as traveling, vacationing, even becoming a cave explorer. You simply need to loosen up, let fun find you and take back some real worthy life lifts. M and C could become very much involved in this month's activities with you if you let them. Exercise more and drink water!

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St. Laurence Student is Published



St. Laurence junior Ryan O'Keefe (Clearing) has become a published author. His poem entitled "Gone but Not Forgotten" was printed in *The Colors of Life*, a poetry anthology published by the international Library of Poetry, Howard Ely, editor. O'Keefe submitted his poem to the editorial board which accepted it for publication. This is O'Keefe's first published poem, but he already has been asked to submit another work for a future edition.

Scholars. The Illinois State Scholars Program recognizes the top 10% of the state's 136,198 high school seniors for outstanding academic achievement.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a Catholic college preparatory school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

Marist Illinois State Scholars: Brendan Ahern, Palos Heights; Michael Antonelli, Crestwood; Matthew Biszewski, Evergreen Park; Jonathan Daudell, Oak Lawn; Shawn Doherty, Chicago; Michael Fox, Palos Park; Ian Friel, Palos Heights; James Garman, Worth; Michael Gaw, Palos Heights; Michael Geraci, Alsip; Gregory Hunt, Richton Park; Joseph Johnson, Palos Heights; Scott Joyce, Orland Park; Brian Keller, Alsip; Sean Kelly, Chicago; Alexander Kikilas, Hickory Hills;

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Marist students named Illinois State Scholars

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Illinois Student Assistance Commission unveils College Zone

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College Zone offers a comprehensive array of planning and assistance programs through:

A new, user-friendly Web site - collegezone.com

One-on-one counseling through 800-899-ISAC (4722)

Brochures that provide information throughout the college experience.

ISAC is also working with the State's community colleges to establish local College Zone outreach centers to provide year-round assistance with the financial aid application process.

"Families are overwhelmed by all the materials available on planning and paying for college," explained Governor Rod

Blagojevich. "By putting all the best information about college into College Zone, and making it available for families anytime, any day, Illinois has truly become a national leader in providing a one-stop, trusted source for college information."

College Zone is designed to provide Illinois families with information that pertains to them specifically at their current stage of planning for college. For example, the Web site provides individual zones for adult learners, high school students, and parents of young children. Each zone provides a timeline of activities to assist students or parents with prioritizing their planning efforts.

And to reach out to the growing Hispanic popula-

tion in Illinois, College Zone also provides information in Spanish, both on the Web site and brochures. Spanish-speaking counselors are available via the toll-free telephone number.

"Whether they are seniors in high school or adults looking for a new career, all students - and potential students - need to know how to apply for financial aid, and they need to apply as early as possible," stated Larry Matejka, ISAC's Executive Director. "The Commission's new approach to outreach ensures that every student has up-to-date, reliable access to that information."

Students and families can

learn more about College Zone at collegezone.com or by visiting the Web site - calling 800-899-ISAC (4722).

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payment is not due until January 8. (Some students may be eligible for deferred payment options.)

SSC's tuition rate per credit hour is \$64 for in-district, \$220 for out-of-district, \$73 for Lake County, IN and Chicago Regional, and \$275 for out-of-state/foreign. Spring payment is not due until January 8.

For information about registration, tuition waivers, or for information about programs, contact the New Student Center at 708-210-5718 or visit the College online at www.southsuburbancollege.edu. For information concerning deferred payment eligibility, please contact the Business and Accounting Office at 708-596-2000, ext. 2216.

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Tax Time is coming

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South Suburban College District 510 includes all or portions of the following communities: Blue Island, Burnham, Calumet City, Country Club Hills, Dixmoor, Dolton, East Hazel Crest, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Homewood, Lansing, Lynwood, Markham, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Phoenix, Posen, Riverdale, South Holland, Thornton, and Tinley Park.

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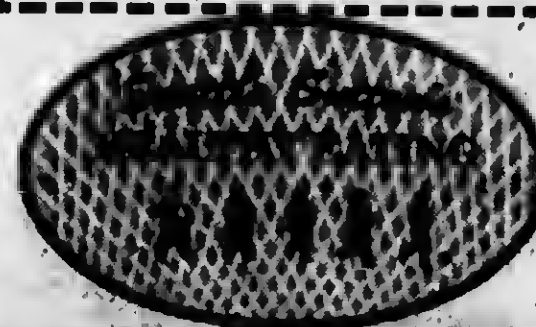
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Marie and Little Company of Mary Dr. S. Javed Shirazi

101 year old Cancer Survivor attributes positive attitude to good health

When Marie Muench looks at her life, she sees a glass that is half full. She just happens to have a long life to assess.

This past July, Marie celebrated her 101st birthday with friends and family. That was not the only milestone in Marie's life that called for celebration. She recently embarked on her fifth year of breast cancer survivorship.

Marie is a retired music teacher who resides in Chicago's Morgan Park neighborhood. She was the organist and choir director for her church, St. Philipus. She has always loved music and continues to create a beautiful melody on her piano, which has aged as gracefully as Marie.

"I used to go for mammograms quite regularly," said Marie. "It was through the mammograms that they found

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There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. All ages are invited to attend. Come be spiritually uplifted!

A message in chalk

Sharon Ruane will share her chalk drawings with the Oak Lawn Lighthouse of Aglow on Thursday, January 8th at 7 pm. at the Oak Lawn Holiday Inn. She uses her art with a blacklight surprise, that thrills the audience as she gives the message.

The cost is \$12.50 and includes dinner. Reservations are required. Call June at (708) 424-1656 for details.

Congratulations to Joan Kennedy

Congratulations are in order for Joan Kennedy after 13 years of dedicated service as executive Director for the Oak Lawn Chamber of Com-

merce. Village View wishes her the best in her new career as "retiree". We're sure she will be successful in whatever she decides to do next.



something wrong so I got to the doctor right away."

Marie visits The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers every six months for outpatient, routine check-ups.

"A positive outlook contributes greatly to such things as longevity and your health," said Dr. S. Javed Shirazi, medical director of radiation oncology at Little Company. "Marie is a wonderful example where age alone is not a determining factor in defeating cancer. In my 30 years of practice, she is the 3rd patient over the age of 100 I have treated.

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The weekend-long programming will include seminars, eagle-viewing caravans, lectures and demonstrations. Some sessions will feature live birds, including Indiana's favorite Eagle, C-2, who was brought from Alaska for reintroduction to the wild in Indiana, but remains under the care of DNR specialists because of a congenital defect that prevented his release. There are even special "Just for the Kids" sessions that feature hands-on activities.

In addition to bird-watching activities and programs, you can also enjoy some down-home music, get an

update on endangered wildlife in Indiana, or even attend a session focusing on Indiana's herptofauna, or amphibians and reptiles, and visit with some live snakes!

The perfect winter getaway for nature-lovers, the Eagle Watch Weekend is made possible by Fourwinds Resort, the IDNR, and volunteers from the Sassafras Audubon Society and the IU faculty. A nominal registration fee of \$1 per person will be taken at registration for the weekend-long event. The \$1 fee entitles you to attend any or all programs presented. There is no charge for children 6 years old or younger. Please register prior to Feb. 1, 2004.

For more information on programs, contact Lake Monroe at (812) 837-9546. For special rates on overnight accommodations, contact the Fourwinds Resort and Marina at (812) 824-BOAT or (800) 824-BOAT. For other Bloomington-area lodging and events, contact the Visitors Center at (800)

800-0037 or go online at www.visitbloomington.com.



RMEF'S american outdoor experience coming to Bristol in 2004

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's (RMEF) American Outdoor Experience will take place on the grounds of Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway, June 11-13, 2004. Officials, who today announced the event, expect the RMEF's American Outdoor Experience to be one of the nation's largest events of its kind.

"After a long absence, the southeastern United States once again is home to the majestic elk. Restoring this species is a world-class conservation success, and the RMEF American Outdoor Experience will be a world-class way for all outdoor enthusiasts to celebrate," said J. Dart, RMEF President and CEO.

Transformed into one huge outdoor expo, the RMEF American Outdoor Experience will utilize the entire acreage of Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway. Officials ex-

pect event attendance to top 50,000. Those attending will experience first-hand the latest outdoor sporting merchandise, such as shotguns, fishing rods and tackle, bows and arrows, hunting gear, and much more. Interactive displays will include shotgun, rifle and archery ranges, rock-climbing walls, ATV and 4X4 test tracks and hands-on youth conservation learning activities. RMEF's Great Elk Tour, a display of awe-inspiring bull elk, will be on hand. Also on display will be Bass Pro Shop's Legendary Bucks Tour, all promising participants a lively time.

The RMEF's American Outdoor Experience will provide activities suited for the entire family. Composed of a variety of "sporting camps," each one will feature a specific outdoor interest. Included will be Kids', Conservation, Shooting, Archery, ATV, Fishing and Hunting camps, and many more.

Both the novice and the experienced sports enthusiasts can try-out different outdoor sporting products under true-to-life conditions with skilled professionals to coach them through the process. Event participants can purchase these and other products in the event's shopping expo or the Bass Pro Shops mobile retail store.

Over the past several years, elk populations have been re-established in Tennessee, Kentucky, Great Smoky Mountains and elsewhere in the southeast where suitable habitat remains. Elk conservation efforts are continuing today. RMEF, a volunteer-driven, hunter-based organization, partners with state and federal agencies to make these programs successful. The results prove extremely exciting for all who appreciate wildlife and wild country.

The mission of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. In support of this mission the Elk Foundation is committed to conserving, restoring and enhancing natural habitats; promoting the sound management of wild, free-ranging elk, which may be hunted or otherwise enjoyed; fostering cooperation among federal, state and private organizations and individuals in wildlife management and habitat conservation; and educating members and the public about habitat conservation, the value of hunting, hunting ethics and wildlife management.

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Went to a Party, Mom

Author unknown

I went to a party,
And remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink, Mom
So I had a sprite instead.

I'm sure the guy had no idea,
While he was flying high,
Because he chose to drink and drive,
Now I would have to die.

I felt proud of myself,
The way you said I would,
That I didn't drink and drive,
Though some friends said I should.

So why do people do it, Mom
Knowing that it ruins lives?
And now the pain is cutting me,
Like a hundred stabbing knives.

I made a healthy choice,
And your advice to me was right,
The party finally ended,
And the kids drove out of sight.

Tell sister not to be afraid, Mom
Tell daddy to be brave,
And when I go to heaven,
Put Daddy's Girl on my grave.

I got into my car,
Sure to get home in one piece,
I never knew what was coming, Mom
Something I expected least.

Someone should have taught him,
That it's wrong to drink and drive.
Maybe if his parents had,
I'd still be alive.

Now I'm lying on the pavement,
And I hear the policeman say,
The kid that caused this wreck was drunk,
Mom, his voice seems far away.

My breath is getting shorter, Mom
I'm getting really scared.
These are my final moments,
And I'm so unprepared.

My own blood's all around me,
As I try hard not to cry.
I can hear the paramedic say,
This girl is going to die.

I wish that you could hold me Mom,
As I lie here and die.
I wish that I could say, "I love you, Mom!"
So I love you and good-bye.

Editor's Note: Please be a good friend. Don't drink and drive, and don't let your friends drink and drive.



Tom Campbell poses with his 14 point, non-typical, 200 pound, 145 rough score, pope and young (shot by bow and arrow-archery), white tailed deer, in Essex, IL.

Postman delivers more than mail

Local Oak Lawn postal employee, Tom Campbell is an avid hunter. He plans his year around the different hunting seasons. "This year hasn't been so good for me," he recently said, but from the looks of his most recent trophy, his luck seems to be changing.

Letters to the editor

Dave Letterman has the popular "Top Ten List." Recently, as I was shopping at my local grocery store, the "Top Ten Buys" were announced. I have a "Top Ten List" for 2004.

1) Self respect is a key factor for a meaningful life. It controls our every thought, word-and deed; 2) Respect life from the unborn to the elderly. Everyone has the right to life; 3) Respect other people's property. Do not take what is not ours; 4) Assume responsibility for our own actions; 5) Commit to family life and the children; 6) Exercise patience and tolerance toward those who are different. Educate our children and those who are not of our culture so that we might coexist in peace; 7) Honesty promotes honesty. Be honest with ourselves and others; 8) Use words that heal. Offensive language is just that-offensive; 9) Join to-

Bremen students experience Cook County safe driving program

Bremen students recently participated in the Cook County Sheriff's Department's 3D Program set up on the school's tennis courts and parking lot.

Students saw three videos that showed the importance of wearing a seat belt, not drinking and driving and not paying attention while driving. They also watched a 3D video about the problems with drinking and driving.

Students were given the opportunity to wear fatal vision goggles, which simulate being drunk, and tested out the theory of trying to complete tasks while impaired. Set up on the school's tennis courts, the tasks they tried to complete were walking on a straight white line and shooting a basketball.

They also tried to drive a golf cart through a course set up by the Cook County Sheriff's Department. The students tried the same tasks with the goggles off.

Junior-senior physical education teacher Ms. Keri Larson and sophomore driver education teacher Mr. Larry Katterheinrich brought their students to the program.



A Bremen student wearing the Cook County Sheriff's Department fatal goggles tries to walk on a straight white line as part of a safety program.

gether to rid this country of drug, alcohol and sexual abuse; 10) Enjoy the fruits of this land and be thankful to God.

President Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) had this to say, "Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil. Our great hope lies in developing what is good."

May peace and love fill the hearts of all in the coming year!
Thank you,
Marlene Jeziorski

Editor's note:

These are great rules to live by all the time.

We home owners have now payed the second installment of our real estate taxes. I, a retired senior citizen, continue to pay these taxes which include money for local schools; such as, grammar school district 104,

high school District 217 and Moraine Valley College District; even though I don't have children attending any of these schools. There are many seniors in this same situation.

Senior citizens should be given an exemption, or at least a reduced rate, on their real estate taxes, because we've already paid our dues supporting the schools all these years. We didn't mind the burden when we were working an earning a salary, but now that I and many home owning seniors are retired and on a fixed income, we no longer can afford this extra \$1600 or more per year.

Another area in which senior citizens need relief, is in the double taxation of our social security distributions. The money, that was originally withheld from our paychecks and matched by our employers, was taxed at that time. Now that we are retired and receiving these benefits, the proceeds are taxed again.

Why are senior citizens picked as such easy targets? C'mon, government. Get off our backs.

Fellow seniors, call, e-mail or write you state and federal representatives, and direct them to address these concerns. We were there when we were needed, but now we deserve some relief.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Zielinski

Editor's Note:

There are several exemptions available to Cook County residents. One is home owner's, and another is senior citizen's. Contact the Cook County Collector's office to find out how to file for your exemption and possible credit for previous years.

Also, it wouldn't hurt to contact a tax specialist about the tax situation. There are several free services for seniors. Contact your village and township to get the phone numbers.

Good-bye Drury Lane -Martinique

The Martinique-Drury Lane will close their doors this January, 2004. We are saddened by the closing but we hold close in our hearts 50 years of good times.

In the 50's where could we, as a young couple starting out, go to find such ambience, affordable dining and entertainment under one roof and so close to home? We found it at the Martinique-Drury Lane in Evergreen Park.

How fortunate for us to have had the opportunity to see so many plays and stars at the Drury Lane. Dining, dancing, anniversaries, New Year celebrations and weddings at the Martinique were a big part of our social life.

The closing is yet another phase in the cycle of progress. As the final curtain comes down on the long running Martinique-Drury Lane Production, the finest tribute that could be given, is to say "Thanks for the memories." Applause! Applause!

Thank you, Marlene Jeziorski, Oak Lawn,

Broadway in Chicago has new plays

NETworks presentation of Oliver! Will come to the Cadillac Palace Theater January 28-February 8, 2004. This is an adaptation of the classic Dickens' novel Oliver Twist with the famed characters we all remember Oliver, Fagin, The Artful Dodger and the songs we have song for many years: Food Glorious Food, Where is Love?, As Long as He Needs Me and the like. Oliver won 3 Tony Awards. Performances are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 2 and 8pm and Sundays at 2 and 7:30pm. There will be a 2pm performance Jan 28 and a signed interpretation on Jan 21. Tickets range from \$22-\$72 and are available at Broadway in Chicago box offices (22 W. Monroe, 24 W. Randolph &

151 W. Randolph) and the ticket line at 312-902-1400. The theater is at 151 W. Randolph Street, Chicago.

The 2003 Tony Award Russell Simmons DEF Poetry JAM comes to the Shubert Theater January 22-25, 2004. The New York Times praised the "incandescent exuberance" of a cast "radioactive with stage presence". Most of the cast is from the Broadway production.

Russell Simmons has brought hip-hop to every facet of media and pop culture in music.

The producer Stan Lathan has directed in TV and film including Hill Street Blues, Sesame Street, Miami Vice and Sanford and Sons. He recently was honored by the Directors Guild of America for his directing career and contributions to his field. Tickets range from \$15-\$60 and are available at sites previously noted. The Shubert Theater is located at 22 W. Monroe St. Chicago.

News from De La Salle Institute is varied

De La Salle Institute proudly announces that 14 members of its Theater 100 program will participate in the Illinois high School Theater Festival at Normal from January 8-10, 2004. The group will perform Twelve Angry Men on the 9th at 7pm and attend workshops. All actors were Chicago's students.

De La Salle Institute announces that its president, Brother Michael Quirk, FSC, has received the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award from the Midwest District of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The award was presented at the banquet in Chicago on November 22, 2003. Br. Michael earned his BS from Lewis U in 1975 and an MBA in 1979 and is working on his doctorate at De Paul University. His career began in 1983 at the high school and in 1988 assumed the presidency. Br. Michael's accomplishments are: providing adult education to the under-served by opening the Tolton Center, creating both a young-women's campus



and financial aid with appropriate academic programs to serve students on Chicago's Near South Side.

De La Salle Institute announces Volleyball Award Winners bestowed on young women who were members of the Mentors' volleyball program. Awards were presented to freshman through varsity players. All awardees were Chicago players.

Governors State University sets winter season

The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University in University Park Illinois announces programming for the winter season as follows: Cinderella, A Musical! on January 31, 2004 at 11am by AlphaBet Soup Production. This is part of the Especially for Kids Series. The company creates at least two touring fairytales per school year. Coming shows are Corduroy and The Little Engine That Could. The special morning show allows you to share a show with the children in your life. Tickets are \$8 and can be gotten 708-235-2222 or the web at www.govst.edu/center.

American English brings a tribute to the Beatles on January 24 at 8pm. Selections are the old standards, Twist and Shout, I Want to Hold Your Hand and others from the Sargent Pepper and Magical Mystery Tour. Fans of American English range from Danny Bonaduce, Dick Biondi and WXRT's Terri Hemmert. Tickets are \$25-\$34 and available as cited above. Two-for-one tickets are available two hours prior to performance on availability in person at the box office for one hour.

Stand-up Comedy comes to the Center Theater with

Dance & Theater & Local

by Marijo Doody

Steve Cochran (WGN radio), Spike Manton (formerly WCKG) and Tim Clue on January 17 at 8pm. Tickets are \$20-\$29 and available as above. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway off 157 at Sauk Trail. There is free parking.

Ballet comes with the Russian National's full-length production of Swan Lake on January 11 at 5pm. The company was founded in Moscow in the late 1980's which was titled the Soviet National Ballet with member dancers from the upper ranks of the Bolshoi, Kirov, Keiv and Stanislavsky companies. Tickets are \$35-\$44 adults and \$30-\$39 children 16 and under. The Center is now in its ninth season and dedicated to presenting the finest in performing arts and education to the southern suburbs. It features a 1200 seat, state-of-the-art facility.

Orland Hills Library board meets

The Orland Hills Library Board will meet on Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm in the Board Room of the Orland Hills Village Complex, 16033 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Hills. For additional info, phone Craig Schmidt, Board of Trustees President, at 349-6666. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Summit Park District has co-op agreement with SWSRA

The Summit Park District has co-op agreement with South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) to provide a recreational choice for people with disabilities.

SWSRA offers a wide variety of programs, sports, special events, trips and summer camps. Participants in SWSRA not only have fun but also make friends, increase physical activity and refine their social and life skills.

Call 708-389-9423 for additional information or a complete brochure with trips and programs.



Photo: Academy Award nominated actor John C. Reilly visits with former English teacher Jean Searls of Oak Lawn during his return to Brother Rice.

Actor John C. Reilly Visits Brother Rice High School

Academy Award nominated actor John C. Reilly paid a visit to his Alma Mater, Brother Rice High School last November. Reilly a member of the Brother Rice class of 1983 was in town to attend the school's All-Alumni Reunion when he was inducted into the Rice Alumni Hall of Fame.

Earlier, Reilly visited with students and faculty and toured Brother Rice school. He also visited at Mother McAuley School, where he reminisced about play appearances while a student. Reilly was nominated for an Academy Award as Best Supporting Actor in 2003 for his roll in the film Chicago.

Obituaries



Virginia I. Workman passes

Virginia I. Workman, 82, passed away after a long illness. She is survived by her son Robert P. Workman, her sisters; Evelyn (Mobley) and Marion (Wallach) and her brothers; Major George C. Marin, Ret. and Robert E. Martin. Virginia was the co-founder of Kennedy Park Library, Chicago Park District. She was the daughter of Harry P. Martin, and Ida Josephine Enk, founding members of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church. Interment was private at St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park.

Orland Park mourns Michael Fenton

It is with great sadness that the Village of Orland Park announces the passing of Michael Fenton, age 55, husband of Orland Park Village Trustee Kathleen Fenton. He passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve.

The Fentons were married 28 years and have two children, Matthew 22 and Amy 20.

Kathleen has been a Village Trustee since 1993. The community joins her in grieving his loss.

Walter Lysen A man of dreams and reality

Walter H. Lysen
1918-2003

Walter Lysen beloved husband of Marge and father of Linnea Gavin and Lucinda K. Lysen passed away December 28, 2003 at the age of 85, a few day short of 86.

Mr. Lysen, president and publisher of Southwest Messenger Press Newspapers, Inc. started working at age 14. This man's enjoyment in life was to work. He worked for 71 years and the day he went into the hospital with a fever, he was working at the newspaper. Walter didn't want to go to the hospital for he felt he had to finish his work. Walter cared deeply for his family and employees. His biggest concern was to keep the newspapers and that he did.



Angel on My Shoulder

by Judi Giglio

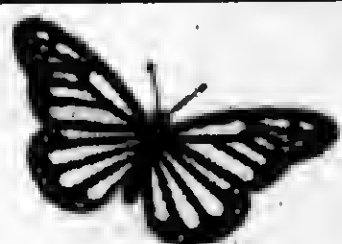
Angel on my shoulder
As you walk with me so near,
Help me to be better
This up and coming year.



Help me with my anger,
My resentments and my fears.
Help me not to judge
The ones that I hold dear.

Help me to be grateful
For all that I possess,
For when I get despondent
I forget what I have left.

Angel on my shoulder
Do not stray away.
For I need you to be near
Each and every day.



Dolls to Cuddle, Coo, and Collect.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Q. I have a Shirley Temple doll that my parents gave to me when I was five years old. I've had her for 69 years, and she's 99 % okay being kept in a wooden three-sided cabinet with a glass front. Is there a book I can consult regarding her value? Jacqueline S. King, Hartsville, SC

A. Shirley Temple dolls can be found pictured in color and described in detail regarding their size, marks, maker, material made from, and current values in the best selling doll book being the "16th BLUE BOOK - Dolls & Values" by Jan Foulke, available in a gorgeous full color, 336-page edition for \$22.95 regular mail postpaid, or \$26.50 shipped UPS, from Gigi's Dolls & Sherry's Teddy Bears, 6029 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631.

Q. Where can I find information on Bye-Lo dolls. The one I have was received in the 1920's and is in good condition. How can I find out its approximate value and who might be interested in purchasing such a doll? Sue B. Higdon, Yucaipa, CA

A. According to the above "16th BLUE BOOK - Dolls & Value" by Jan Foulke in which such Bye-Lo Baby dolls can be found pictured in color, and fully described with their marks, makers, sizes, material made from, origin, body, head and facial features, and current listed values depending on their above descriptive details, is available for \$22.95 regular postpaid or \$26.50 shipped UPS from Gigis Dolls & Sherry's Teddy Bears, 6029 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631 or phone 773-594-1540 to order. You'll love this book bound to bring back precious memories. Gigi's also deals in the popular, stylish, and sophisticated Gene dolls and is currently offering three of these beautiful dolls in their original outfits at reduced prices, which includes Blue Goddess reduced from \$79.95 to \$55.96, Destiny from \$89.95 to \$62.97, and Midnight Gamble from \$99.95 to \$69.97 plus \$3 postage for each doll. To order phone Gigi at 773-594-1540.

Q. I have assorted badges, pinback buttons, watch fobs, lapel buttons, and other such items my grandfather collected and left to me. How can I find out their value and where can I sell them? Harvey T. Roberts, Indianapolis, IN

A. Write Russell Riberto c/o Russell's Antiques, 8944 S. Mozart Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805. Enclose a list or photocopies of the items you have for a free evaluation or quick cash offer. Or write Russell at his above address enclosing 60-cents and a long self-addressed stamped envelope for an extensive list of hundreds of small items often found around the house. He buys and pays well for many items including animal license tags, cigarette lighters, chauffeur badges, medals, stickpins, and lots more. Or phone Russell at 708-422-0535.

Q. I have some old purses, three of them dating back to the early 1900's. Two of them are beaded evening bags, and the other is a mesh (metal) evening bag that dates from the 1920's. How can I find out more about them and their current value? Ruth Holden, San Bernardino, CA.

A. A new book in which you'll find countless examples of such purses and other fancy types, pictured in color with amazing designs and decorations that seem to jump out off the pages, is "Purse Masterpieces - Identification & Value Guide" by Lynell Schwartz, available in a large hardcover, 270-page full color edition for \$32.95 postpaid from Collector Books, P.O. Box 3009, Paducah, KY 42002-3009. Or phone 1-800-626-5420 toll free to order. Incidentally, if you find an old beaded bag with red fringes that hang from the bottom, it may have belonged to a "lady of the night" for such "ladies" carried such "fringed" beaded beauties letting the scarlet fringes purposely swing 'n sway in a suggestive way, or teasing manner to advertise their "services".

Q. I'm attracted to tractors, and would like to know how I could find out more about them, and meet the people who drive them? Ruth B. Greenbay, WI
A. You can find out everything you want to know about tractors, and track down the folks who passionately love them, and love to drive them, by writing The Tractor Collector's Magazine ANTIQUE POWER which offers seven BIG ISSUES for the price of six available bimonthly, for \$24.95 per year from ANTIQUE POWER, P.O. Box 500, Missouri City, TX 77459, or FAX 281-261-5999 or phone 1-888-760-8108 toll free to subscribe. Or visit website: <http://www.antiquepower.com>

Q. I discovered a box of colorful kitchen items in my parents attic, I got for wedding shower gifts, which date from the 1950s. How can I find out if they have any value? Cindy Peterson, Redlands, CA.

A. A terrific book that pictures, describes, and prices countless pieces in bold and bright colors of red, yellow, green, blue, aqua and every color of the rainbow, is "Spiffy Kitchen Collectibles - More Than 1,000 Photos of Fabulous Collectibles" by Brian S. Alexander, available in a large, full color, 256-page edition for \$28.99 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone 888-457-2873 toll free to order. This book is a joy that'll have you pulling out every drawer, and looking through every cabinet, and every nook and cranny in the kitchen, in hopes of finding such pieces to "spiffy" up your kitchen and bring back the past. You'll love this book that'll make you feel good all over due to the photography which is truly spectacular. Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60650. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, a copy of the column and the name of the paper in which it appeared. Visit my website at www.anitagold.com.

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blocks harmful ultraviolet
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risk for ultraviolet rays in the
winter than in the summer.
And the glare from snow
compounds the problem."

According to Haque, ul-
traviolet light or UV rays
have been linked to various
eye problems such as cata-
racts, sunburn to the eyelids,
pterygium (benign lesions
found on either side of the
cornea), skin cancer around
the eyes and AMD, one of
the leading causes of vision
loss among older Americans.

"Inexpensive sunglasses
are often labeled that they
protect eyes from UV when
they really do not," Haque
said. "Most will block harm-
ful UVC and UVB rays but
not the most damaging UVA
rays. It is worth spending
more to get full protection."

For the ultimate in protec-
tion, skiers should wear
wrap-around sunglasses or
goggles with shatterproof
lenses.

At the end of a day of ski-
ing at arid mountain alti-
tudes, where the air is very
dry, it's important for skiers
to rehydrate their eyes,
Haque said. Soothing artifi-
cial tear products such as
GenTeal(tm) Drops from
Novartis Ophthalmics can be
used as often as needed.

Here are some more
safety tips for skiing:

Equipment should be
properly fitted. Boots should
fit snugly; skis and poles
need to be sized according to
the skier's height and ability.
Skiers should consult a repu-
table ski shop for help when
renting or purchasing equip-
ment.

Helmets and goggles
should not obstruct the
skier's vision in any way.

Clothing should be warm,
windproof and waterproof so
the skier does not become
chilled. Skiers should dress
in layers so clothing can be
added or taken off as needed.

Skiers should always have
a partner. They should stay
within sight of each other.

Before setting off each
day, skiers should warm up
with a couple of slow ski
runs.

Skiers should keep to
slopes that are appropriate
for their skiing ability. Ski-
ers should never venture into
closed areas.

Most skiing injuries occur
in the afternoon, when skiers
are likely to be tired. Skiers
should know their limitations
and rest or stop skiing to
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their physical fitness for ski-

ing, but they also need to pro-
tect their eyes," said Dr. Reza
Haque, spokesman for
Novartis Ophthalmics North
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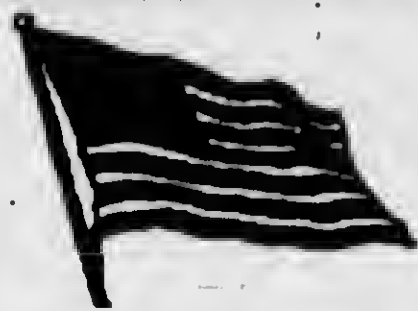
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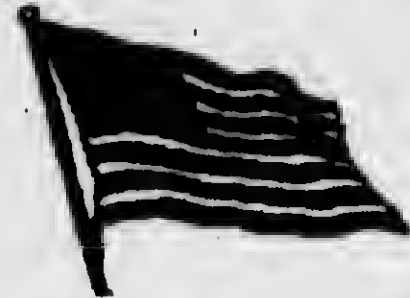
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Graycore constructing OP's first continuing care retirement community

Washington & Jane Smith Community has contracted Graycore to construct Smith Crossing, a 274,000-square-foot continuing care retirement community at 183rd St. and 104th Ave. in Orland Park.

Designed to support aging in place from early retirement on, Smith Crossing will comprise eight duplex cottages, 84 independent living apartments, 32 assisted liv-

ing apartments, 30 skilled nursing units and 16 memory support units. Large common space for both the independent and assisted living areas will feature dining facilities, a care, general store, chapel, laundry, clubroom and multipurpose rooms. The complex, scheduled for late fall 2004 completion, also will feature underground parking for 85 cars and a large outdoor ter-

race. Wauwatosa, WI-based AG Architecture is the architect and engineer; Wheeling, IL-based Studio One Design Inc., is the interior designer.

"As the first of its kind in Chicago's southwester suburbs, we were very selective in choosing a contractor to build our retirement community," said Ted Otto, CEO, Whanington & Jane Smith Community. "Graycore's long history, local experience and expertise in the diversity of related markets made them a great fit," he added.

Oak Forest honors local unsung hero

By David Vognar

It was a chilly night outside of the Oak Forest City Council chambers on Tuesday, December 23, 2003. In the crisp winter air, the flurries were coming down in big, clumsy patches—and with them floated down the earliest countenance of the holiday spirit. So profound was the ambiance of the evening that the jocund spirit of the season even found its way into uncharted waters: the otherwise stodgy institution known as municipal government.

All kidding aside, Oak Forest aldermen on Tuesday bestowed upon one of its citizens both a great honor and a great token of thanks. The south-suburban city honored one of its unsung heroes, Dean V. Lilly. Mayor Patrick Gordon presented Lilly, a long-time resident of Oak Forest, with a certificate of achievement for his out-

standing work in the area's Adopt-a-Street program.

Lilly, who retired after ending a successful career eleven years ago, decided that he wanted to give back to the community in some way, he said. Lilly allowed that the community had given him so much, and he thought he needed to find a way to compensate. The first idea that came to his head was cleaning up the streets.

So Lilly decided to enter the Adopt-a-Street program to help maintain the city's streets. Originally, Lilly only worked on picking up trash and helping to aesthetically improve his own street. Later, however, he decided to extend his efforts to the maintenance of a large swath of Central Avenue in Oak Forest.

Now, Lilly's operations have burgeoned to what could otherwise be classified as a full-blown Public Works operation. Lilly currently

picks up Central Avenue on each Monday and Friday. Rising early in the day, it typically takes Lilly most of the daylight hours to clean his section of the street.

Nevertheless, Lilly said, he still finds the experience rewarding due to the satisfaction of making the village a cleaner place and because of the interesting people he met through the years that just stopped to thank him.

In other news, City Treasurer Dwayne Fox's busy schedule for the past month or so was brought on more by him having to sift through tax ordinance protocol than the hustle and bustle season. In addition to the city abate taxes on two bond series and a TIP series for the fiscal year May 1, 2003 until April 30, 2004, Fox streamlined the effort to write a tax levy, which passed Tuesday unanimously.

The 2003 levy basically helps the city pay for its necessary operation costs without hitting residents too hard in the pocket book. According to Fox, the levy calls for a 6% tax increase, which amounts to \$26 on an average home. Also according to Fox, because the city itself held the line fairly well on expenses, the only increases in city operating costs were in the areas of health insurance, workman's compensation and pension funding. The fluctuating market caused these problems.

However, Fox asseverated that the root of the problem lay at the state level. The Illinois government still does not have its income tax collected, forcing cities to find revenue in other places.

Fox leveled that both schools and states, with their unfunded federal mandates, are in the same boat and are being forced to veritably pull money out of thin air. With Fox's prudent planning, though, Oak Forest mitigated the damages.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Coats and supplies were donated to a family in need by the generosity of Saint Michael families.

Saint Michael students Sponsor-A-Family

This year, the third grade students of St. Michael School of Orland Park, in rooms 10, 11, and 12, participated in Sponsor-A-Family for Christmas. The family that they sponsored was in need because they were in a fire and lost almost everything. The mother is a single parent who lost her job and has no benefits. She has two daughters, one 14 and the other 12 months old.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski, Mrs. Vega, and Mrs. Vlaming talked to the students about the family and how they could help. They stressed the importance of earning their own money to give as a gift to the family. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

The third graders and their families donated a total of \$1010. With the money, they were able to purchase towels, blankets, and a winter coat for the mother. The teenage girl received a jacket, sweater, and CD player. A warm snowsuit, books, and winter clothes went to the baby. In addition, gift cards to Jewel, Payless Shoes, Sears, and Kohl's were included.

St. Michael families exemplify true Christmas spirit. Through their generous efforts, the children and families served by Catholic Charities had a special holiday season.

For more information on St. Michael and this program, contact Mary Pat Vlaming at (708) 349-0068.

Celebrate Recovery

This Christ based 12 step recovery program takes place every Friday night at 7:00 pm at Standing Stones Baptist Church, located at 16250 S. 84th Ave. in Tinley Park.

For more information, call (708) 532-8550



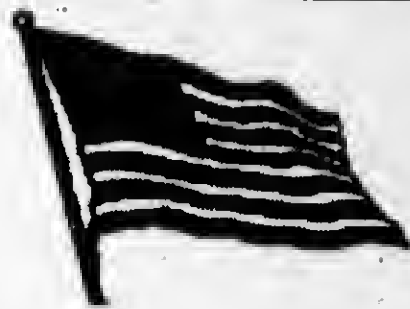
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Local residents pictured are left to right: Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan and Nahil Ismail of Palos Hills; standing from left: Megan Connolly of Palos Park, Ismail Ismail of Palos Hills and Kari Oreluk of Palos Hills. All students attend AA Stagg High School.

Sheriff honors youth for volunteer work

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan recently presented more than 200 young people with the Sheriff's Youth Medal of Honor to recognize their volunteer work with various charities and public service programs.

According to Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan, this year's recipients donated more than 32,000 hours to service projects. Each medal represents a volunteer's 100 hours of service. The young people represent the best and brightest of their generation, Sheen said. They have unselfishly given time to help those less fortunate and make Cook County a better place to live.

Palos Hills will replace water meters

by Carlene O'Connor

Palos Hills has decided to have residents fill out water usage cards and use an automated system going into operation next spring.

Businesses and residents will schedule appointments with National Water Works, Inc. to replace their water

meters. This will be at no cost to residents.

The council voted unanimously to purchase the new system for 1.4 million. This will enable public works to efficiently and accurately measure readings over radio waves for better customer service.



Check out Jackie Mari's predictions for the upcoming month on page 6

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Get a new body for the new year!

By Carlene O'Connor

Palos Olympic Health and Racquetball Club, at 11050 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills, is the premiere health club in the area! It's a comfortable place to be, where people know who you are when you come in through the door. It's very senior friendly with Arthritis classes, a "Sit and be Fit" class, and other programs especially designed for seniors.

Everyone is invited as a guest by calling up and inquiring in the sales department at (708) 974-1900.

Come and experience the excellent Universal weight room, free weight room, cardiovascular room with cross trainers, recumbent bikes, Air dyne bikes, treadmills, and Atairmasters, with 3 TVs to tune into the program you want to watch on cable. The swimming pool is 83 degrees at all times, there is a steamroom, whirlpool, sauna, Racketball courts, or one of the land or water classes. All are included in just one low price.

Palos Olympic is a family oriented club which hosts two parties each year for children; a special Halloween Party

and Breakfast with Santa Claus. There are swim lessons for children available at the club and as a special bonus to mom's, a free nursery.

Bob Diamond, the owner of Palos Olympic, takes pride in having a clean, well run club. He is also available for suggestions at the facility on a daily basis.

Right now you may join for as little as a \$10 start up fee and \$49 a month for a year commitment. Better yet, if you pay in full, you receive one whole year free! There is no better deal anywhere. Call today. The club sells itself by taking a tour.



Shown above, the Aerobics class at Palos Olympic Health and Racquetball Club.

Food Expo coming

Options for eating healthy when dining out in the New Year will be offered

when the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department hosts its free Healthy Food Expo on Sat., Jan. 10th from 11 am to 2 pm. The expo will be held at the Village of Orland Park

Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th St. Restaurants were invited to host booths, offering samples recipes and coupons.

For further information, call 708 / 645-PLAY

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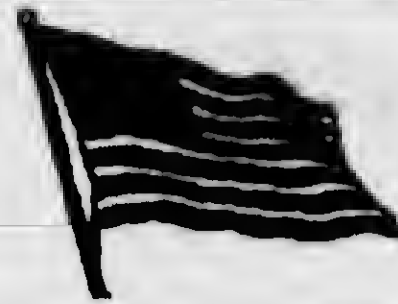
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Drury Lane bids farewell to Evergreen Park

By Matt Mayer

At last year's May 5th Board of Trustees meeting, Betty Carson, a resident of the 8800 block of Talman Ave, stated that the entire town was a buzz with a rumor in regards to the Martinique being sold and replaced with a Wal-Mart. This rumor became a reality on January 5th at the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, when the Board approved an ordinance vacating the property at 94th Street and Campbell Ave and an amendment in regards to an economic development agreement with Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust.

The Drury Lane, which began as a tent in 1946, will be razed and replaced with a Wal-Mart-adjacent to the corporate giant's other box store Sam's Club. The Martinique Drury Lane closed on Sunday January 11th with its final production, "Celebration on Ice". An auction will be hosted by The Martinique on January 20th. Wal-Mart will also pay the village \$250,000 for the property.

Mayor James Sexton reported that there would be a public hearing in the council chambers on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. regarding the appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year, November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004. Business regulation licenses were approved for Steven O. Hamil, an attorney's office at 3842 W. 95th St and Pronto Staffing, a temporary staffing service at 9318 S. Kedzie.

The board approved an ordinance providing for the issue of \$4,000,000 general obligation bonds. The mon-

ies will be used for street resurfacing from Rockwell Ave to Kedzie Ave, from 87th St to 91st St, and from California to the Canadian National Railroad, between 99th Pl and 102nd Pl.

The streetscape committee met on January 8th to review plans for the 95th Street project. The project is slated to begin in the spring at the intersection of 95th and Kedzie Ave. Chief Ed Clohessy said meetings with business owners along 95th St are planned and the project is slated to be completed before the 4th of July parade.

The board approved a proclamation to proclaim January 16th through February 1st as Girl Scout Cookie Sale time in Evergreen Park.

Free blood pressure screenings at OL Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate

Christ Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Medical Center, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.

Oak Lawn designates Historical Site

By Matt Mayer

At the January 13th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Jerry Hurckes reported that the Historic Preservation Committee has designated the late Mayor Kolb's former home at 9217 S 50th Ave, as one of Oak Lawn's Historic Presentation Program homes. The current owners have agreed to allow the Village to designate their home and a dedication ceremony will be held later in the year.

The board approved 3 lots with depth variations - 5749 W. 89th Pl, 5705 W. 90th Pl, and 5618 W. 88th St. The board approved a request to rezone C2 (General Service Business) Zoning District to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) Zoning District at 5901 W. 87th St. as well as a resubdivision of 2 lots at 10141 S. Kolin Ave and a resubdivision of 2 lots at 9736 S. Merrimac Ave.

The board approved a lease apartment renewal at 5318 W. 95th St. as well as a lease renewal for American Home Loans at 5312 W. 95th

St. A Federal Bureau of Justice grant of \$51,956.00 for Police Patrol was also approved. The board approved the 2004 Girl Scout cookie sale from January 16 - February 1st.

Upon reconvening after adjourning to executive session, the board approved a resolution, approving the content of and/or release of certain executive session minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Lawn. The board also approved a resolution approving a real estate sales contract regarding a portion of property at 5717 W. 87th St.

Voter registration is available in the Clerk's office Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The last day to register to vote in the March primary election is February 17th. The Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, February 14th from 9:00 am to Noon for voter registration. The next scheduled meeting is January 27th.

Oak Lawn has loans available

The Director of Administrative Services, Gail Paul of the Village of Oak Lawn has announced in a press release, \$500,000 is available in the Village in the Revolving Business Loan Program to encourage the development of additional businesses and the growth of existing businesses.

Qualifying projects include but are not limited to the acquisition of real property, the construction of a new building or an addition to an existing building and

the purchase of business related equipment or fixtures.

Loans are granted from \$25,000-\$150,000 at a very favorable rate of Prime less 3% through Fifth Third

Bank. Applications are available at the Oak Lawn Municipal Center, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. If you need additional information, please call Gail Paul at 708-499-7760.

Oak Lawn man winner of conservation award

Ray Thompson, a 18 year resident of Oak Lawn was named as winner of the 2004 Chicagoland Outdoors Show Conservation Award Wednesday at the 25th annual event.

Thompson works for International Code Council. He and his wife are the parents of three children ages, 16, 17 and 21. Illinois' historic development of outstanding muskellunge fishery owes its success to the dedication of Thompson, a dedicated musky conservationist. It is with his efforts that many of Illinois lakes have been stocked with muskies.

He became involved with Muskie's Inc. in 1976. The group has thousands of members in its national organization. Since the mid-70s he has focused on musky fishing in the U.S. and Canada. He is a recent inductee into Muskies, Inc., Hall of Fame and is president of the Illini Muskie Alliance.



St. Louis expands technology program

At the January 12 meeting of the St. Louis de Montfort School Board, located 8840 S. Ridgeland, Principal Holly Gross announced an expansion of the elementary school's technology program.

Plans include over 15 educational programs, and a computer and printer in every classroom.

Community businesses and prospective donors may contact Principal Gross at 708-599-5781, ext.10.

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News about our local service personnel

Army National Guard
Pfc. Bradley J. Flanagan has

graduated from basic combat
training at Fort Jackson, Co-
lumbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of
training, the soldier studied
the Army mission, history,
tradition and core values,
physical fitness, and received
instruction and practice in
basic combat skills, military
weapons, chemical warfare

and bayonet training, drill
and ceremony, marching,
rifle marksmanship, armed
and unarmed combat, map
reading, field tactics, military
courtesy, military justice sys-
tem, basic first aid, foot
marches, and field training
exercises.

Flanagan is the son of
Lisa Kent of West 170th
Place, Tinley Park. He is a
2002 graduate of Brother
Rice High School, Chicago.

Marine Corps Pvt. Paul
A. Brooks, son of Erika D.
and Edmund A. Brooks of
Oak Lawn, and Marine
Corps Pvt. Andrew K.
Aguinaga, son of Lynn M.
and Nick J. Aguinaga also of
Oak Lawn, both recently
completed 12 weeks of basic
training at Marine Corps
Recruit Depot, San Diego
designed to challenge re-
cruits both physically and
mentally.

Brooks and Aguinaga be-
gan their training at 5 am, by
running three miles and per-
forming calisthenics. In ad-
dition to the physical condi-
tioning program, they spent nu-
merous hours in classroom
and field assignments which
included learning first aid,
uniform regulations, combat
water survival, marksmanship,
hand-to-hand combat and
assorted weapons training.
They performed close order
drill and operated as a
small infantry unit during
field training.

Brooks and Aguinaga and
other recruits also received
instruction on the Marine
Corps' core values-honor,
courage and commitment,
and what the words mean
personally and in profes-
sional conduct.

They ended the training
phase with a 54-hour, team
evolution culminating in an
emotional ceremony where
he was presented the Marine
Corps Emblem and ad-
dressed as "Marines" for the
first time in their careers.

Brooks and Aguinaga are
both 2003 graduates of Oak
Lawn Community High
School of Oak Lawn.

Marine Corps Cpt. Will-
iam J. Henning and Marine
Corps Pfc. Hugo Gonzalez,
son of Marcy and Guillermo
Gonzalez of Oak Lawn, are
currently on deployment to
the 13th Marine Expedition-
ary Unit (MEU), home based
in Camp Pendleton, CA.

Members of Henning and
Gonzalez's unit recently
completed operations in Iraq.

The MEU conducted more
than 300 patrols in Southern
Iraq including 50 setup of
security checkpoints, confis-
cated weapons and destroyed
more than 2,000 rounds of or-
dinance, much of which was
found near villages and play-
grounds.

Henning and Gonzalez's
unit is an expeditionary in-
tervention force with the
ability to rapidly organize for
combat operations in virtu-
ally any environment. MEUs
are composed of more than
2,000 personnel and are di-
vided into an infantry battal-
ion, aircraft squadron, sup-
port group and command el-
ement. With this combina-
tion, Henning and
Gonzalez's unit supplies and
sustains itself for either quick
mission accomplishment or
clearing the way for follow-
on forces.

Henning is a 2000 gradu-
ate of Oak Lawn High
School in Oak Lawn and
Gonzalez is a 2001 graduate
of Richards High School also
in Oak Lawn.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd
Class Ryan P. Hampton, son
of Therese L. Hampton of
Evergreen Park, recently re-
turned from the Mediter-
ranean Sea and Arabian Gulf
while assigned to the guided
missile destroyer US
Fitzgerald, homeported in
San Diego.

Hampton was one of more
than 8,000 Atlantic Fleet
Sailors and Marines aboard
the ships of the US Nimitz
Carrier Strike Group who
participated in Operation
Iraqi Freedom.

Hampton's ship is one of
the most powerful warships
ever put to sea. The com-
puter-based AEGIS weapons
system is the heart of the
ship's war fighting capabil-
ity. It centers around a pow-
erful radar that enables the
crew to detect, track and fire
on more than 100 targets at a
time.

Hampton is a 1994 gradu-
ate of Evergreen Park Com-
munity High School, in Ev-
ergreen Park, and joined the
Navy in June 2000.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd
Class Brian B. Fettig, son of
Janet L. and Bernard J. Fettig
of Evergreen Park, recently
reported for duty at Naval
Air Station, Kingsville, TX.

Fettig is a 1996 gradu-
ate of Evergreen Park
Community High School in
Evergreen Park, and joined
the Navy in October 1998.



Jacqueline Torres, Director of Finance and Commissioner
Gloria Majewski of M.W.R.D.

New Director of Finance and Clerk announced

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, who is Chief of
Finance at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of
Greater Chicago, has announced that Jacqueline Torres has
been appointed Director of Finance and Clerk for the Dis-
trict.

Torres has been employed at the District since 1999 when
she was appointed Assistant Treasurer. She received her
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from Loyola Uni-
versity and is pursuing her MBA in Finance and Economics
at Roosevelt University.

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cago Ridge VFW Post 177 &
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Ridge, will resume the
monthly spaghetti dinner on
February 5 from 4:30 -7:30
pm.

A Complete dinner will be
served with spaghetti, salad,
meat, coffee, tea or pop and
dessert, at a cost of \$5 for
adults, children 10 years and
under are free.

As always, all our events
are open to the people of the
community.

A "Penny Social" will be
hosted on Sunday, February
1. Doors open at 1 pm. Re-
freshments and raffles will be
available.

For information, please
call 708 / 636-3220, between
the hours of 9:30 am and 1:00
pm, and ask for Pat.

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are open to the people of the
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Three Cheers For The Calendar Girls

Hollywood is starting to get the point. Hurray! Finally movies that we, the pre-geriatric generation, can relate to. Recently, two box office hits are proving that, though it may be no joke to grow old, with a strong sense of humor and a little imagination, old age is nothing more than a thought to defeat.

"Something's Gotta Give", finds Jack Nicholson at his funniest yet. In the beginning of the movie this sly senior citizen is romancing a young lover. By the end he is in love with the young woman's mother, superbly played by Diane Keaton. The movie takes us on an odyssey of pure craziness, and when Jack's character consummates his love for Diane Keaton's character, well let's just say Jack is definitely back in action.

I was a bit surprised at the role Ms. Keaton played — it wasn't exactly what you'd expect from her, but I laughed till I almost cried at her comedic performance.

If you feel like you're headed for a mid-life crisis, or if you find yourself turning 40 and mired in age related despair, take it from this late blooming baby boomer—you're very likely to experience a jovial 'Jack attack' of laughter, for only Nicholson could make these mellow years seem worthwhile, endearing and fun.

Or, if you're a fellow sister whose spirit is sagging from the slump of middle-age meanderings, the 'Calendar Girls' is a movie you may not want to miss.

Bill and I saw it this past weekend. It was my turn to pick the movie. At first I wasn't so sure he'd enjoy a movie about a bunch of old bags posing nude for a calendar as a fund raising event, especially since 'The Last Samurai' was playing right next door. But, within minutes, he was chuckling like a schoolboy.

The women are reluctant to bare all, but the sentiment behind the cause gives them all the strength they need to strip away their insecurities to get the project done. The most memorable impression throughout this movie is what one husband observes. He sees women as flowers, growing more gracefully as they age and mature until they are bursting with beauty. The last stage is the best stage, whether you're talking about buds on a flower or decades etched into a woman's being. Yes, this was a feel good movie for those of us in the midst of wrinkles and bulging, age related, waistlines—though I never really acknowledged myself as being 'old' enough to appreciate the over the hill humor.

As was our plan, after the show, Bill and I walked into the new fitness center located right across the street from the theater with the possibility of becoming members. A member associate was assigned to show us around. What a place! A fitness resort with all the amenities my fading eyesight could envision. There were pools, jacuzzis, steam rooms, saunas, rock walls to break your neck on, racquet ball courts to give you a run for your money, and a whole other level with enough machines to whip any size challenged person into shape.

Our associate, who weighed about 98 pounds, asked us why we were thinking of joining. After glancing over at my hefty husband and thinking the answer should be obvious, I told her the simple truth—"Because we need to."

As we walked through the fantastic field of fitness it was easy to see that variety is the key to their success. Young women who looked like Kate Moss walked on treadmills beside George Wendt body types. Some members looked like they were ready to pose for Fitness magazine in their lycra work out gear. Older, heavier patrons wore tee shirts and sweat pants which suited them just fine as they huffed and puffed along in the spirit of getting fit.

We signed up, on the spot, that night. I knew we would. I've got the baggy tee shirts and the sweat pants to start me out. But in my mid-life awakening there's also a vision of splendid slender for Bill and me.

After all, if I'm suppose to be like a flower in its last stages, then I'm also at my best—bursting with a renewed sense of inner beauty for my impending old age.

And, thanks to Hollywood producing funny, inspiring, quality films that we baby boomers can joyfully identify with I can grab all the gusto in confidence before the distant petals of my flowering desires scatter away into the wilderness of uncertain senility.

Tinley Park Library announces programs

Tinley Tomes

The Tinley Park Public Library afternoon adult book discussion group will meet Wednesday, February 11 at 1:30 pm to discuss *Paradise News* by David Lodge.

The adult book discussion group will meet Wednesday evening, February 24 at 7:30 pm to discuss *The Bird Artist* by Howard Norman.

No registration is required. Books will be available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion date. Large type and recorded editions are available upon request. For additional info, phone the reference desk at 532-0160 ext. 2. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Well Said!

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 9 through 12 to discuss controversial topics and discover what other teens are thinking Tuesday, February 3 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Registration begins Wednesday, January 20 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x 3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

On the Spot Theatre

All the world's a stage, and the Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 – 12 to play a part at On the Spot Theatre. There are no auditions or

lines to memorize. Performances take place on the spot Wednesday, February 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Registration begins January 21 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 ext. 3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org

This is Your Body!

Aches and pains that are not common may be warning signs from our bodies. Tina McNulty, Exercise Specialist at Purdue University Fitness Center, will help you discover tips to help manage various symptoms associated with asthma, chest pains, hypoglycemia, menstrual cramps, and shin splints at the Tinley Park Public Library Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, January 26 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x 4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Tinley Park Public Library board meets

The Tinley Park Public Library Board will meet on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 pm at the library, located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. For additional information, phone Library Administrator, Pam Deiters at 532-0160 x 110. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Improv Night

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 – 12 to stop in

for entertainment provided by *Someday We'll All Be Action Figures* Tuesday, January 27 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. No registration is required. For additional info, phone 532-0160 ext. 3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

StorytimeBreakfast/Session 1

Let it snow! Let it snow! The weather outside might be frightful, but you can stay warm and cozy at one of the storytime or bookfest programs at the Tinley Park Public Library. Register for Session 1 of Storytime and Bookfest in person on Saturday, January 17; thereafter, patrons may also register by phone. Please bring your TPPL library card to registration. Patrons or guardians are required to register their own children, who must be the appropriate age at registration. Phone 532-0160 x3 for specific dates and times. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Orland Hills Library board meets

The Orland Hills Library Board will meet on Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm in the Board Room of the Orland Hills Village Complex, 16033 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Hills. For additional info, phone Craig Schmidt, Board of Trustees President, at 349-6666. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

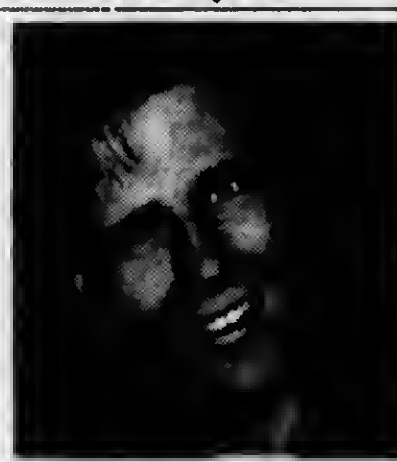
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Installation for South Suburban Bar Association takes place

Attorney Jeanne Marie Reynold (far left) attended the South Suburban Bar Association Annual Christmas Party where installation of the Association's new President, Maelanie Frazek took place.

Pictured with Reynolds is Terrence J. Lavin, President of the Illinois Bar Association and Karen O'Brien.

Hickory Hills Baseball/Softball registration to be held

Registration for Hickory Hills Youth Baseball -Softball 2004 season will be on

the following dates Thurs. Jan. 22nd and Thurs. Feb. 19th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Registration will be held at the Hickory Hills Community Center 7800 W 89th Pl. All boys and girls ages 5 to 18 who want to play T-Ball, Baseball and Fast Pitch Softball are invited to sign up. Payment may be by Cash, check or Visa/Mastercard. Please call George Czarnik at 708 599-6983 if you need more information.

Free blood pressure screenings at OL Public Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure

screenings on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate Christ Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.

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Daudell at Christ Medical Center, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.

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Survey reveals students attending all-girls high schools feel better prepared for higher education

According to a recent survey of students attending all-girls high schools in the Chicagoland area, young women not only prefer learning in a single-gender environment but also feel it better prepares them for success in college and beyond. *Together4You*, a joint initiative of seven high schools and a foundation from the Chicagoland area, recently conducted a comprehensive survey of their collective student bodies to learn more about young women's perceptions of attending a single-gender school to help establish a greater public awareness of the benefits of an all-girls education.

"Each of the *Together4You* schools share a common belief that we offer young women a high-quality educational experience, provide them with leadership opportunities and encourage their personal and spiritual growth," said Dr. Catherine Karl, President of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank and spokesperson for *Together4You*. "As educators, we see firsthand the benefits and advantages our students have despite a world full of co-educational choices. *Together4You* de-

cided to conduct this research to add our students' perspectives to the growing body of research on the effects of single-gender education at the high school level."

The 2003 *Together4You* Student Survey, developed and administered by Davis Harrison Dion, a strategic communications firm based in Chicago, represents one of the first times such an extensive body of information has been gathered to measure the perceptions of current students about the value of their experiences attending an all-girls high school. The student survey's results indicate that young women currently attending *Together4You* high schools believe strongly in the positive effects of a single-gender education. Some of the benefits included: having a competitive "edge" for college, the ability to express themselves more effectively, additional opportunities to excel in math and science, the lack of peer pressure and bullying and the freedom to just be themselves.

Survey Highlights

In September 2003, responses were obtained from 1,660 students representing

grades 9-12 (Freshmen-Seniors). The young women were surveyed anonymously via a secure Internet site and were asked a series of multiple choice and open-ended questions about the all-girls Catholic high school they currently attended. Some of the survey findings included:

- 88% of the respondents felt their all-girl high school would better prepare them for their college experience.
- 89% of the students polled thought it was easier to concentrate on their classes at an all-girl high school.
- An overwhelming number of respondents thought it was easier to express themselves at an all-girl high school vs. a co-ed high school (81%), and that their school's courses gave them a competitive edge (78%).
- 72% have never or rarely experienced difficulties with peer pressure at their high school and 64% have never or rarely experienced difficulties/issues related to self-esteem at their high school. In fact, the most difficult situation they experience is tackling homework (71%).
- Although 61% of the Freshmen students surveyed thought it would be hard to adjust to an all-girl school before they started, 90% said it was easier than expected to make new friends. And 91% of 9th graders said they would recommend their school to a friend currently in 7th or 8th grade.
- Sports ranked first and clubs ranked second for favorite school activities.
- The top three favorite subjects were English/Writing, Mathematics and Science.

School remained more about studying than about boys. However, the majority of students responded that they were easily able to meet boys through friends, all-boys school extracurricular activities, sporting events and weekend get-togethers.

- Overall, 87% of all respondents expressed that they did not regret their decision to attend an all-girls high school and said that they would recommend their school to 7th and 8th graders.

Together4You is a joint initiative of Josephinum High School, Notre Dame High School for Girls, Our Lady of Tepeyac High School, Queen of Peace High School, Regina Dominican High School, St. Scholastica Academy, Trinity High School and the Madonna Foundation. The group was officially launched in October 2002 with a common goal of helping young women prepare for a successful, balanced life in college and society and promoting the positive benefits an all-girls education as a choice for parents and students today. 97% of seniors graduating from *Together4You* schools achieve college and university acceptance.

Getting The Word Out

Together4You schools remain committed to building awareness among 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls attending both public and private schools about the important contribution an all-girl environment provides during the

pivotal high school years. This fall, *Together4You* hosted a symposium for middle school students at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago featuring prominent alumnae of its schools including Illinois First Lady Patricia Blagojevich, Carol Owens, Associate Coach of Women's Basketball at the University of Notre Dame and Ellen Jordan Reidy, President and Founder of America's Food Technologies. The speakers addressed their personal experiences attending an all-girls high school and how it better prepared them for college and beyond.

This year, *Together4You*'s touring "Spirit Troupes" continued to make appearances throughout Chicagoland to present scenarios and develop dialogue with 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls about issues that are relevant and important to them. Throughout the 2003-2004 school year, *Together4You* is running a series of collaborative radio advertisements on Chicago's top teen radio stations to promote upcoming school events and open houses.

For more information on the survey, *Together4You* or its participating schools, please visit www.Together4You.com.

TP High School Introduces Illinois State Scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (IASC) has announced the names of this year's students honored as Illinois State Scholars. The State Scholar program recognizes Illinois high school students for outstanding academic achievement. The Commission is pleased to announce that 25 Tinley Park High School students have been named Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations to the following scholars: Rachel Anderson, Andrew Anzeljc, Maimuna Baig, Sarah Bonomo, Aurora Caplinger, Jaime Cizek, Lauren Collins, Carol Connolly, Charles Deak, Michael Klappauf, Daniel Lake, Renee Langnga, Steven Lanners, Joe Madigan, Robert McDonald, Sarah Nicotra, Danielle Nowlan, Kelly Petrowski, Jessica Quintanilla, Thomas Schutzius, Daniela Stojkova, Heather Stueckrad, Jessica Welling, Bryan Wilsak and Charles Wiltgen.

Gabrielle Perez nominated for leadership award

Gabrielle Perez, a senior at Oak Forest High School has been nominated for the National Association of Secondary School Principals Leadership Award. Her involvement in the school community is extensive and in-

cludes the following: National Honor Society, Student Council President, Varsity Club, Ecology Club, Interact, KAMA Literary Magazine, Girls' Soccer and Girls' Tennis.

Gabe's leadership roles have contributed to her nomination. She has successfully chaired various school projects such as the Homecoming dance, and the schools food and clothing drive for the needy. She has exhibited exemplary organizational skills, commitment to project goals, teamwork, sensitivity and the ability to see a project through to its completion.




Mock Wedding takes center stage

On Tuesday, January 13th, students in Ms. Hazelwood's and Ms. Clement's Family and Consumer Science classes hosted a mock wedding. The students in these classes were actively involved in organizing and implementing all the

details for a wedding ceremony and reception. From invitations to the preparation of food, the students sprung into action and learned first hand just how much work it can be. The mock bride and groom, Monica Pena and Barron Maxey, wore donated items from Donna K's Bridal Store and Normans Tuxedo. They were accompanied by a full bridal party made up


of 12 peers, a pastor, a reader and of course, a wedding announcer. This event was professionally recorded, compliments of Martin's Video Taping. As the event came to a close, students were quick to admit that they greatly underestimated the amount of time and effort it takes to coordinated such an event. In all, it was a true, learning experience.



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Anthony Prater and Assistant Principle McFarlane

Hillcrest Students Receive Youth Leadership Award

Country Club Hills, Illinois, January 6, 2004: Two Hillcrest High students recently received the Chicago Urban League's 8th Annual Youth Celebration Day award for Youth Leadership. They are Stavone Martin, a Hillcrest High School sophomore from Country Club Hills, and Donnell McGhee, a senior from Hazel Crest. The Hillcrest students, both top scholars active in sports and other school activities, were among 200 high school students honored for their achievements in academics, community service and leadership. The students were selected based on nominations from parents, teachers, clergy, friends and employers.

Donnell McGhee was among the top winners at the program and was awarded a personal computer system and color printer.

Charitable Titans and the Chicago Bears

The Student Council, under the direction of Ms.

Kathy King, brought their holiday charity event to a close last week. Bears Care, an organization that collects money for statewide food pantries, was the selected beneficiary of this year's holiday collection. Overall, the Titans were able to raise \$2122.20! This total will be matched 50% by the McCormick Foundation to bring the grand total of our donation to \$3183.30. If our school contributes the largest donation, we will have the opportunity to win various prizes and even have a Bears player or coach come and speak to our students. This year, the class collection competition resulted with the 1st place winner Mr. Pfeffer's 3rd period class and 2nd place honors went to Mr. Osbourne's 3rd period class. Mr. Pfeffer's class will re-

ceive a free Subway lunch and Mr. Osbourne's class will receive a Krispy Kreme breakfast. Last year, Tinley Park High School ranked as the 3rd highest donor in the state of Illinois.

Oak Forest senior earns Eagle Scout honors

Timothy Linville, a senior at Oak Forest High School, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award attainable by a scout. Tim's many accomplishments include earning

twenty-three merit badges, lifeguard status, completion of the one mile swim challenge and wilderness survival training. His Eagle project addressed the collection and proper disposal of damaged and worn American flags. He collected over 100 American flags in the Oak Forest community and worked in affiliation with the VFW to carry out an official flag retiring ceremony. At Oak Forest he has been a varsity swimmer and a member of both the concert choir and chamber choir. He recently played the part of the king in the school's Madrigal production. Tim received his Eagle rank at an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony held late last year. In the future he plans on pursuing a degree in drama and dance.

Hillcrest Student to be Ambassador to England and France after winning Voice of Democracy Essay Contest

Anthony Prater, a Hillcrest High School senior from Country Club Hills, who attended the Junior Statesmen Summer School at Georgetown University, in Washington D.C. during the summer of 2003, has been accepted to participate in the "People to People Student Ambassador Program." As a result of an interview with representatives from the Ambassador Program out of Spokane Washington, Prater was selected to be a student ambassador to England and France. He, together with students from many parts of the world, will be spending three weeks overseas in London and Paris during the summer of 2004, to study foreign policy and other forms of government.

Prater is currently a senator from the Midwest Territory Council for the Junior State of America. The Midwest Territory Council includes twelve states. He is also chairman of the Junior State Committee and Prater Administration at Hillcrest High School.

Anthony was the first place district winner of the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest, sponsored by the Markham Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9801. He spoke on the topic, "My Commitment to America's Future" and was honored at the VFW Banquet on January 3, 2004. He was awarded \$100 as the first place District winner. He learned that he was also the fourth place winner in the regional competition, in which students from Oak Forest, Marian Catholic, Bremen, Chicago Christian, T.F. South, Tinley Park High also competed. As fourth place Regional winner, Prater was presented with a \$125 Savings Bond.

Starlab comes to Ridge Academy

The wonders of the universe come to life in the Beverly area for two nights in January. Ridge Academy, 2501 W. 103rd St., will host Starlab, an inflatable planetarium that boasts amazingly realistic depictions of the Milky Way and our solar system.

Ridge Academy educators will tell the stories of the solar system as participants view the night sky in Starlab. Starlab - which measures 10 1/2 feet high and 16 feet in diameter - projects the posi-

tions of the planets and over 3000 stars with extreme accuracy and shows the paths of the sun and moon throughout the year. Constellations stand out in bright contrast for easy identification.

Starlab will be open free to the public for two nights: Tues. January 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 for families with pre-school and early school-aged children and Thurs. January 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 for families with elementary school-aged children. Space

is limited. Call 773-233-0033 for reservations.

Ridge Academy - a first-grade through eighth-grade elementary school that strives to integrate learning and foster deep understanding - also will be using Starlab in its own curriculum for one week. All grade levels will enter the Starlab dome for lessons in astronomy as educators help students describe objects, construct explanations of natural phenomena and explore ideas.

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Fassl has been stricken with cancer. Her three children include Michael, 14;

Jamie, 11 and Victoria, 8. Tickets are \$30 and includes beer, soda, food, and entertainment. Raffle tickets will also be available.

Additional tickets are available at Pano's Bar, 3159 W. 95th St., and Groucho's Bar & Grill, located at 8355 S. Pulaski. They can also be purchased by calling Liz Cumpian at (773)-502-4888.

Green Hills Public Library announces programs

located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Winter movie festival contact: Wendy Horner

The Green Hills Public Library invites you to warm up with a good movie Thursday, January 22 at 3:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. We will show a double feature, have snacks, and a door prize! So, bring the whole family and enjoy some great entertainment. Call the Youth Services department for more information at 598-8446 ext 19. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills. Mad Professor's science lab

Warm up with a good book Stop into the Green Hills Public Library beginning January 13th to sign up for our adult winter reading program, which runs through February 25th. Prizes include gift certificates from area coffee shops and cafes. For more information call the Reference Department at (708) 598-8446 ext. 20. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

On display at Green Hills

The paintings of Susan Buenger from Tinley Park are on display throughout the month of January at Green Hills Public Library. Susan attended the American Academy of Art, Moraine Valley Community College, and trained with John Howard. She is a member of the Town and Country Art League. Susan's favorite subjects are people, nature, or creations from her imagination, and art has been an important part of my life since childhood. Take

a look at this collection the next time you are in the Library. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Need a hand with your resume?

Green Hills Public Library is holding a program January 28 at 6:30 p.m. tailor made for you. Rita Kribs will help you learn the tricks of job searching and help you to update your resume? Call the Adult Services department at 598-8446 ext 20 for more information or to register. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Flower and Garden Show bus trip

Join the Green Hills Public Library for a bus trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Registration is open now. Please call the reference desk at 598-8446 ext 20 to register or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

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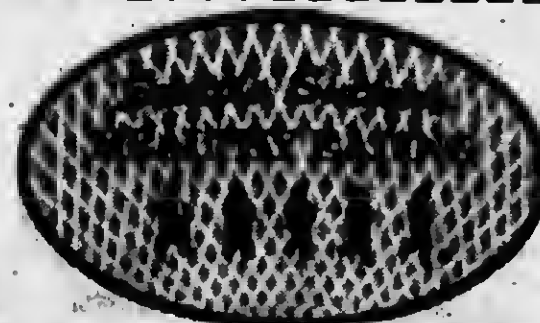
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Orland Park Recreation Department to Host Healthy Food Expo

Options for eating healthy when dining out in the New Year will be offered when the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department hosts its free Healthy Food Expo on Saturday, January 10, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. A number of area restaurants will host booths, giving away free samples, coupons, and information. The expo will be held at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, located at 11351 W. 159th St., in Orland Park. For more information, call (708)-645-7529.

Hilton hosts shows

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, will host an Antique and Collectible Show on Sunday, February 8. Sale starts at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Some of the items featured will be Antique furniture, dolls, glass, linens china, books, jewelry and more. Collectibles include Disney, Barbie, Hallmark, Beanie Babies, Enesco and many more. Over 50 dealers will be available.

Also on February 8, a Hotel and Employee Garage Sale will be held in the Hotel

Ballroom. This sale also starts at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Some of the items to be sold include hotel furniture, floral baskets, dishes, gift shoppe items and much more.

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Tasty Recipes

By Anita Anderson

Sausage Soup

1/2 medium cabbage, shredded
4 medium carrots peeled and sliced plus 3
medium potatoes, 3 celery stalks,
1 turnip, 1 large onion.

Wash, peel and cut veggies into the chunks you prefer.

2 quarts beef stock 4 tbs tomato paste
2 tbs vinegar 1 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp dried crushed
thyme, 1/2 tsp black pepper
1 pound kielbasa, cut into 1/4 inch slices

In large kettle mix cabbage, carrots, potatoes, celery, turnip and onion. Add stock, tomato paste, vinegar and seasonings. Bring to boil. Lower heat and stir in sausage. Simmer, covered for 35 to 45 minutes. Makes 12 servings.

Winter weather calls for warming dishes

The Germans are known for creating hearty, filling dishes that go hand in hand with chilling winds. Give your family soothing meals to out-blast those cruel winds. Things like Fresh Mushroom Soup or Sausage Soup. Recipes follow.

Fresh Mushroom Soup 4 tbs butter
1/2 cup minced onion 2 tbs flour
1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
6 cups chicken stock 1 egg yolk
1 cup sour cream

In large pot melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and saute 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook mixing often for 10 minutes.

Push mushrooms with onions aside and stir flour into butter cooking the mixture stirring constantly for 3 to 4 minutes.

Slowly add chicken stock and simmer, stirring until it is smooth and bubbly. Cook soup for 30 more minutes. In small bowl beat egg yolk lightly; blend in sour cream and pour into soup tureen. Swirl sour cream mixture into soup. Makes 6 servings.

New report about calcium

A new report in the American Journal states that three to four servings of dairy foods each day reduce the risk of nine common diseases including obesity, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, coronary artery disease, stroke, kidney stones, osteoporosis, colorectal cancer and pregnancy-related complications.

Playoff Potato Skins

Serves 8
Ingredients:

8 Russet (baking) potatoes olive oil
sweet paprika
1/4 teaspoon or less of fine sea salt or low-sodium salt substitute
pepper (to taste)
low-fat sour cream to garnish (optional)
4 chopped scallions

Directions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Scrub potatoes under running water, rinse and pat dry. Lightly coat potatoes with olive oil and prick each one with a fork several times.

Bake potatoes directly on the middle rack of oven for one hour.

Remove potatoes from oven and allow to cool. Leave oven turned on. When cool enough to handle, cut each one lengthwise and scoop out the insides leaving a 1/4-inch shell around the edge. Reserve leftover potato pulp for future use.

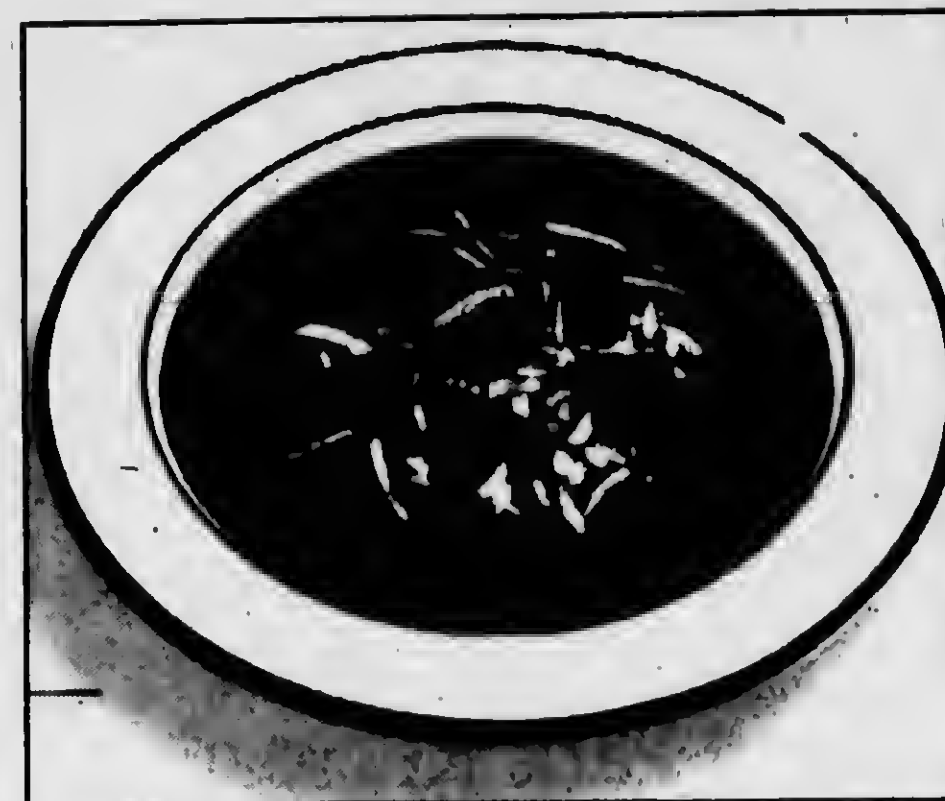
Cut each potato shell lengthwise into 6 strips and arrange on a baking sheet. Lightly brush strips with olive oil and sprinkle with salt, paprika and pepper to taste. Use salt sparingly. Place baking sheet in oven and bake for about 20 minutes. Raise oven temperature to 425 degrees for additional 5 minutes, or until crisp and golden brown.

Remove baking sheet from oven, and serve potato skins with sour cream if desired and chopped scallions.

Nutritional Information (per serving): Calories 167; fat 1.77 g; carbohydrates 31.85 g; protein 6.48 g; cholesterol 3.19 mg; sodium 177 mg

Healthy Food Tip

Consume no more than 2,400 milligrams of sodium or one teaspoon of salt a day.



From jeans and sneakers to computer games and school supplies, kids love to customize almost every aspect of their lives.

The same is true for the foods they favor. For years, fast-food restaurants have allowed patrons to customize their meals by choosing the types of ingredients, condiments or toppings they prefer. It makes mealtime fun and simple for the whole family. Today, almost every type of restaurant, from pizza parlors to four-star eateries, honors customers' special requests.

"Families are more aware of the choices they have when they dine out and are more comfortable asking for what they want," said Allen Susser, chef and owner of Chef Allen's restaurant, Miami, and cookbook author. "I try to accommodate individual preferences, while maintaining the quality and creativity of our menu." Not surprisingly, families want to experience the same variety and ease at home that they experience in restaurants. But this can be difficult, since often there isn't time to make everyone his or her favorite meal.

Tomato soup is the perfect solution. It's a quick and delicious start to dinner that every member of the family can customize to suit his or her own taste. Tomato soup's velvety smoothness complements a variety of different flavors and textures. Simple ingredients, like Pace Salsa or Pepperidge Farm Seasoned Croutons, can be added to create a new variation. Try one of these three zesty combinations, or create your own, for a fun and festive family soup night:

"Pizza" Tomato Soup: Add shredded mozzarella cheese, pepperoni and oregano for an authentic Italian taste.

"Taco" Tomato Soup: Stir in salsa and top with sour cream, shredded cheese and tortilla chips for a south-of-the-border taste sensation.

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Rate Alert!

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If you missed on the chance to buy or refinance during May and June's record low rates, you now have one more golden opportunity!

According to Freddie Mac's weekly survey (published January 16th), interest rates on locked loans have dropped to an average of 5.66%. The report says these are the lowest rates since the week of July 17th, a time when rates were skyrocketing higher and major mortgage companies were going out of business. By the beginning of August rates had climbed to around 6.5%.

Freddie Mac, together with Fannie Mae, are federally chartered to ensure an adequate supply of money is available for mortgage companies and banks to provide the lowest rates available at any given time. Here are the numbers from the new report:

	1/16/04	1/9/04	1/18/03	1/19/02
Freddie Mac Average Rate	5.66%	5.87%	5.97%	6.83%
Freddie Mac Average Points	.6	.7	.6	.7

Freddie Mac's weekly survey is important because it averages the rates actually given to consumers, not the rates advertised in hopes of attracting new business. If you've ever called the companies in the Sunday real estate section of the paper, trying to get their advertised rate, you understand the important difference. Freddie's required yields are also usually lower than Fannie Mae's.

The weekly rate drop may not seem like a lot, but it represents a drop in mortgage payment of almost 5% since Christmas.

To give an idea of what this might mean to you, let's look at an average loan amount for the Chicago area, \$180,000, at various interest rates. It was only a couple of years ago that we all thought a 7% rate was pretty darn good, and the monthly principle and interest is \$1199. At 6.5% the savings are \$60 per month, probably enough to pay your phone bill. But at 5.66% the payment would be \$1042, a savings of over \$150 per month! That's \$1800 per year back in your pocket. It's like a second income tax refund every year. If you are planning to move within a few years, 3/1 ARMs are around 4%, giving you a payment well under \$900 per month for the same loan amount.

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One New Years Resolution You Can Keep

For many, the magic of the season begins to fade as soon as we realize how much we spent on the holidays and calculate how big our credit card bills are going to be. On the bright side, the New Year offers the perfect opportunity to set attainable financial goals.

However, setting financial resolutions and keeping them are two different matters. In fact, many Americans are still paying off the ghosts of Christmas' past. Here are some tips from Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) to help you keep your financial resolutions.

First and foremost, make sure your goals are realistic and flexible. If you set your goals too high, frustration will keep you from attaining them. Keep track of exactly how much you spent on the holiday season this year. Then look for ways to curtail spending

next year by keeping careful records.

Second, remind yourself of your goals on a regular basis. At the very least, you should write your goals down and post them where you will see them every day.

And finally, surround yourself with reminders of your financial goals. For example, if your goal is to save enough money to go to Hawaii, try clipping scenes out of magazines and tacking them to a bulletin board next to your desk.

"Once you've decided what you are going to accomplish, be confident," said Cate Williams, vice president of education with CCCS, a division of Money Management International (MMI). "A little discipline can help you enjoy a happy and prosperous [2004]."

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a division of Money Management International, is a nonprofit, full-service credit counseling agency, providing financial guidance, counseling, and debt management assistance. To learn more, call 1-800-762-2271 or visit their website at www.moneymanagement.org.

Professional Resume Writer/Corporate Outplacement Specialist opens shop to Chicago employment market

Lauren Milligan, a former recruiter and sales manager has opened a resume writing and corporate outplacement firm, ResuMAYDAY. The company works with two types of clientele: individual job seekers in any industry at every skill level, and small to mid-size organizations who are downsizing their staff. ResuMAYDAY helps their clients set up a strategic, focused and affordable job search. Available services include a complimentary consultation, resumes and accompanying letters, career assessment consultations, and interview skills sessions. Unique services include resume packages for recent graduates, and job seekers who speak English as a second language.

ond language.

In addition to fee-based services, ResuMAYDAY sponsors a variety of no-cost seminars and networking events. The following is the calendar for January:

Thursday, January 22, 2004, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. The monthly Naperville Jaycees meeting at the Naperville Professional Building, 640 S. Washington, Naperville. Featured speaker is Lauren Milligan; the topic will be How to Create a Unique and Effective Resume. There will be networking before and after the meeting, so bring plenty of business cards. Space is limited. Please call (630) 836-9910 to register, or to be notified of future events.

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Disney on Ice presents Disney/Pixar's Monsters, Inc. a bigger than life, musical extravaganza following the hilarious adventures of one-eyed Mike Wazowski, his furry friend James P. Sullivan-a.k.a. Sulley and the adorable little girl Boo, will appear at Rosemont's Allstate Arena, January 21-25 and Chicago's United Center, January 27-February 8th.

Disney On Ice Returns

Disney On Ice comes to Chicago with Disney/Pixar's Monsters, Inc. when tickets go on sale January 2, 2004. It is based on the popular hit movie, bigger than life, musical extravaganza that follows the hilarious adventures of one-eyed Mike Wazowski, his furry friend James P. Sullivan-a.k.a. Sulley and the adorable little girl Boo.

The performances will be at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont (January 21-25) and Chicago's United Center (January 27-February 8, 2004).

The show features an international team of award-winning figure skaters, thrilling choreography and an expanded,

antenna-tapping musical score.

Tickets for Disney On Ice will be available at the Allstate Arena Box Office, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL. The United Center Box Office, 1901 W. Madison St. all Ticketmaster locations and on the web at www.ticketmaster.com. To order by phone call 312-559-1212.

For general show information call 847-891-8916 or 312-455-7469. Tickets are \$10.75, \$17.75 and \$23.75 with a limited number of VIP at \$51 and \$56 first row seats.

Writing an Effective Resume:

Lauren Milligan
ResuMAYDAY

I'm going to tell you something you already know: It's hard to find a job right now. For every one job listed, a company can get hundreds, even a thousand resumes and applicants. Employers are overwhelmed by the responses. They have to weed out everyone who isn't quali-

fied for the job. Then they follow other criteria to weed out some more, and more, until they've narrowed it down to a few top choices. From there, they'll call the candidates in for an interview. Hopefully, they'll find the perfect match the first time. But if they don't, they have to start over. As a potential employee, what can you do to make sure you make the cut?

Your resume is the most important tool in any job search. This is your first chance to get noticed. This is your only chance to make a first impression. So how do you write a resume that will get you noticed?

Most people don't write a resume until they actually need one. This results in a resume that is thrown together without much regard for the end result. A resume should be more than a chronological list of employers and job descriptions. An employer wants to know who you are as an employee. They want to know what you can do for them. So write your resume for the future, not the past. Write your resume not for you, but for an employer. How do you do this?

A resume should tell a

story, or many stories. It shouldn't raise questions, but should answer them. Your resume must tell a potential employer that you are going to be a valuable member of their team, based on everything you have accomplished thus far.

As a professional resume writer, I challenge people to tell their story. As a matter of fact, I call it the 'Stories Exercise'. Take your most recent employer. Think of a day that you won an award or received praise from your boss. One of those days that you couldn't wait to come home and tell your family the great thing that happened to you. Write down all of those days, describing what you did, and what was the end result. The reason for the Stories Exercise is two-fold. One, this is what you are going to build your resume around. Two, these are the stories that you should discuss in an interview. You'll be enthusiastic, confident and memorable.

Once you have your stories, make sure to ask, 'what did this accomplish?' For example, a manager at a manufacturing company decides to revise the inventory system. The boss loves it and from now on, the manager is

in charge of inventory. That's great, but what did it accomplish? Did it save time? Did it save money? Make sure that the answer to 'what did this accomplish?' makes it on the resume.

Here is an example:

Before: Revised entire inventory system.

After: Increased productivity and lowered spending costs by implementing more efficient inventory system.

Wasn't that easy? Let's do another one.

Take a waiter, for example.

Before: Served customers, maintained tables.

After: Increased restaurant and personal revenue by suggestive selling. Created a dining atmosphere that encouraged repeat customers.

It's easy to tell which resumes were rushed through, and which ones were carefully written with the purpose of telling a story. Don't wait until the last minute.

Ms. Milligan is a Professional Resume Writer in the Chicagoland area. You may reach her at Lauren@resumayday.com, or (630) 836-9910. For more information on services or upcoming speaking engagements, please visit www.ResuMAYDAY.com

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Museum of Contemporary Art news

2004 winter/spring programs are: Forced Entertainment, a group of artists who have worked together since 1984 to produce new works in theater, performance, digital media, video and installation. They will perform three different programs innovative in form and subversive in content. The first is The Institute of Failure, collaboration with Goat Island on Feb 3 at 6pm. The SAIC Auditorium is located 280 S. Columbus Drive, Chicago.

The Institute of Failure is a joint presentation of the MCA, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago Visiting Artist programs and Performing Arts Chicago.

The Institute of Failure maps the face of contemporary failure in cross-disciplinary style and looks at failure in human endeavors from theater to politics to new technologies.

The next play is First Night (Feb 5, 6 and 8 at 7:30pm). It displays dancing girls, comedy and fortune-tellers with insults and injury. It is part TV variety show and vaudeville. It brings the audience in to rethink contemporary life and its representation in theater as strange worlds from fragments of our own.

The third presentation is And on the Thousand Night on Feb 7 at 9pm. It is a tale from legends, fairytales and lies in the wee hours of the night. Its themes cross boundaries of culture, race and religion. Tickets for the latter two are \$22 and \$18. (MCA members \$17 & \$14.) For added information call 312-280-2660 or visit www.mcachicago.org.

Chicago special events plans for 2004

The Office of Special Events released dates for the City of Chicago's free-admission events and festivals for 2004. They are as follows:

Winter Delight (January 1-February 29): Kids & Kites Festival (May 17-October 2): Jumping Jacks and Summer Neighborhood Festivals (May-September): 2004 Farmers Market (May-November): Bike Chicago (May-July).

Summer Festivals are as follows: Gospel Music Festival (June 4-6), Blues Festival (June 10-13), Taste of Chicago (June 25-July 4), Country Music Festival (June 26-27), Race to Taste (June 27), Outdoor Film Festival (July 13-Aug 31): Youth Soccer Tournament (July 17-18): Venetian Night (July 31).

In August the Chicago Air and Water Show (Aug 21-22) and Viva Chicago Latin Music Festival (Aug 28-29). Late summer-fall brings Jazz Festival (Sept 2-5) and Celtic Fest Chicago (September 18-19) The Halloween Pumpkin Plaza is (October 15-31) Halloween.

Happening (Oct 23). Tree Lighting (Nov 26) Holiday Sports Festival (Dec 27-29)

and New Years Eve Fireworks (Dec 31). Please note festival dates are subject to change.

For information contact the Mayor's Office of Special Events at 312-744-3315.

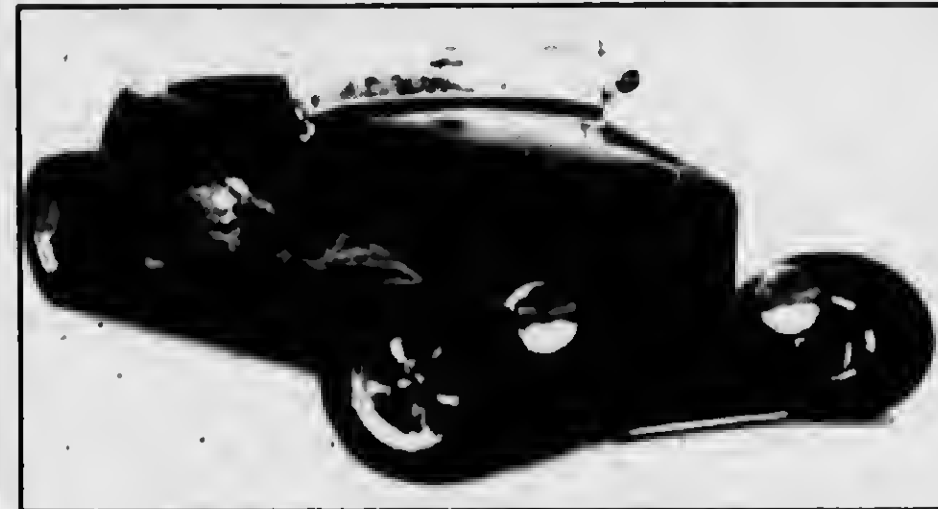


R. Lee Ermey host of the History Channel and actor in Toy Story and Toy Story II and antique race car.



Amusements & Theater

by Marijo Doody



Millions of dollars worth of one-of-a-kind custom cars, trucks, motorcycles, street rods, imports, race cars, antiques and other souped-up street machines such as the Eagle One (Project '32 Ford) will be on display at the 42nd Annual Carquest World of Wheels, January 30-February 1 at McCormick Place North.

Carquest World of Wheels roars into town

Looking for something to do in the cold! Auto enthusiasts from across town and around the country, will vie for part of a total purse of \$85,000 at the 42nd Annual Carquest World of Wheels, January 30 to February 1, 2004 at McCormick Place North. They have invested thousands of dollars and countless hours of creative effort to build dream machines.

Millions of dollars worth of one-of-a-kind custom cars, trucks, motorcycles, street rods, imports, race-cars and other souped-up machines will be on display. Through-out the week-end scheduled special guest appearances by celebrities such as George Barris, actors

R. Lee Ermey & Amaury Nolasco and sports figures Andre Dawson (baseball) and Terry LaBonte, (NASCAR driver).

Barris is known for creating the Batmobile, General Lee from Dukes of Hazard, KITT from Knight Rider and several James Bond cars. R. Lee Ermey hosts the History Channel's military technology show. He has appeared in movies: Dead Man Walking, Leaving Las Vegas, Apocalypse Now and the Toy Stories.

The sports figures will talk about baseball with the Cubs and race-car driving and sign autographs.

The World of Wheels Talent Search gives patrons a chance to compete for prizes. Contestants 5 through adult compete in four categories: singing, dancing, acting or modeling. The shows will be held 7-9pm Friday, 12-4pm and 7-9pm Saturday and 12-4pm Sunday. For audition information call GETV at 248-557-5930 or log on to www.getvi.com.

Carquest World of Wheels event hours are: 3-10:30pm Friday (Jan 30), 10am-11pm Saturday (Jan 31), and 12-4pm Sunday (Feb 1). Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 children 6-12 and under 5 free. \$2-off coupons are available at Chicago-area and Northwest Indiana Carquest Auto Parts stores. For added information call 708-345-4041 or visit www.worldofwheels.com.

Oakbrook's Drury Lane brings comedy

By Marijo Doody



Craig Spidle in "The Man Who Came to Dinner", Drury Lane Oakbrook Theater in Oakbrook

The viewer's appetites for laughter are brought to the Drury Lane's Oakbrook Theater in January as the comedy The Man Who Came to Dinner plays from January 7 until March 7, 2004, marking the fourth show of the 2003-2004 season. This classic farce premiered in 1939, and its success was immediate and monumental, making it one of Broadway's smash hits and running two years.

The Man Who Came to Dinner story line goes as follows: The man Sheridan Whiteside played by Craig Spidle, tripped on the front steps of his hosts' home and is now trapped there for six weeks until his bones heal. This unintended guest is a famous man of letters, a world traveler, a hobnobber with every-one and quick to drop their names. Whiteside is selfish, egotistical and manipulative. His long-suffering secretary Maggie Cutler is with him.

Whiteside hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stanley nice; conservative, uppercuts folk in a small Ohio town. David Nisbet and Mary Mulligan

are the Stanley's. Their household has two hired help, maid and butler, a son and daughter and sister.

Whiteside before long has his hand in everyone's business from the Stanley's impressionable children to his own secretary's blossoming love life.

A variety of characters enter the comedy as "friends" of eccentric Whiteside. These are actors, comedians, publishers and a doctor and nurse. Whiteside's phone communications take the viewer to the far corners of the world in his hobnobbing with names known to some like Admiral Byrd, Aldous Huxley, Arturo Toscanini, Booth Tarkington, Gary Grant, Daryl Zanuck, Jascha Heifetz, John L. Lewis, Katherine Cornell, Lana Turner, Lord & Lady Cunard, Louella Parson, Mahatma Gandhi, Players' Club, Salvatore Dali, the Lunts and many more. In 2004 this play will appeal to older theater persons as the many references to past historical figures would not be even known to those born after 1965.

The director of the play is Ray Frewen and working with him on the design team are Gregory Slawko (costumes), Kurt Sharp (sets), and Shannon McKinney and William Osetek (lighting). In the performance lines were messed up by a couple of the actors. Costumes and sets were very good.

Director Ray Frewen has masterfully been the ring-master of this three-ring comedy. Audience laughter could cause some to not hear lines forthcoming. There was one zinger after another. Craig Spidle as the egotist Whiteside was excellent and in a conversation with him after the performance, he indicated this was the first time he acted at Oakbrook's Drury Lane and hopes he has many more opportunities.

The characters portrayed by actors were quite good in the varied rolls, namely Judy Blue as the diva Loraine Sheldon and Gene Weygandt doing triple-duty. Erin Noel Grennan, David Nisbet, Steve Snyder and Mary Mulligan gave top-notch performances. Many of the actors in this performance were making their Oakbrook's Drury Lane debut. We hope to see them in further productions of the classic company at Oakbrook's Drury Lane.

Antiques & Collectibles

By Anita Gold

Serious Series Books

Q. I have numerous old Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, and other such series books. How can I possibly find out their value, and where can I find collectors who buy them? Connie Robertson, Virginia Beach, VA.

A. For the information you seek check out the following two books which pictures, describes, and prices such books including "All About Collecting Girls' Series Books" by John Axe, which covers Nancy Drew, Judy Bolton, Cherry Ames, Penny Parker, Kay Tracey, Beverly Gray, Connie Blair, Vicki Baar, Dana Girls & Others, available in a large, full color, 160-page edition for \$27.95 plus postage, as well as "All About Collecting Boys' Series Books" by John Axe, which covers Hardy Boys, Tom Swift, Tom Swift Jr., Chip Hilton, Ted Scott, Mark Tidd, Tom Slade & Others, available in a large, full color, 144-page edition for \$27.95 plus postage, from Hobby House Press, Inc., 1 Corporate Drive, Grantsville, MD 21536, or phone 1-800-554-1447 toll free to order or to request a free catalog. Or visit www.hobbyhouse.com Periodicals relating to series books and collectors, includes Yellowback Library c/o Gil O'Gara, P.O. Box 36172, Des Moines, IA 50315, Susabella Passengers and Friends c/o Garrett Lothe, 80 Ocean Pines Lane, Pebble Beach, CA 93953, The Wispered Watchword c/o Kate Emberg, P.O. Box 1437, North Highlands, CA 95660, and Martha's KidLit Newsletter c/o Martha Rasmussen, P.O. Box 1488, Ames, IA 50014. When writing enclose a long, self-addressed stamped envelope for each to request membership/newsletter information.

Q. We have a large box of old childrens' books left behind by our three boys -now adults. Most date from the 50's and 60's. How can we find out their value, and where can we find a buyer? G.E. Hamilton, Crown Point, IN.

Q. I have inherited some very



old childrens' books. How can I find out their worth, as I plan to sell them? Jim Freeland, Columbia, SC
A. Write Jack Hastings c/o Prince & the Pauper Collectible Childrens' Books, 3201 Adams St., San Diego, CA 92116-1654. Or visit his incredible website: <http://www.oldkidsbooks.com> Or phone Jack Hastings at (800)-454-3726 toll free for the childrens' books information you seek..

Q. Where can I find old toys, pinback buttons, rings, badges, and other such things and wonderful surprises, that came in boxes of cereal I ate when I was a boy? Tom Nelson, Green Bay, WI
A. Ted Hake offers the widest assortment of such sought after vintage collectibles devoted to American popular culture. To view his online Auction #177 and place bids on such items which includes a really great selection of 1930s to 1950s toys, plus early Disney and extremely rare Lone Ranger items from a collection just recently acquired, visit his online auction website www.hakes.com which begins January 7, 2004 and ends January 27-29. To request a copy of Hakes's Americana Auction #177 catalogue which pictures and describes, thousands of such sought-after items with their estimated values one can bid on, phone Ted at 717-848-1333 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) stating you're a reader of my column.

Q. My father inherited from an elderly uncle, a collection of old duck decoys and related duck hunting items. How can he find out more about them and their value? Tom Kennedy, Franklin, NC

A. An extraordinary new book loaded with black and white and colored photos of such decoys and related items, including duck and other game calls, duck stamps, shotgun shells, artwork, catalog advertisements, and everything and anything

else related to the sport (including crow, goose, and owl decoys as well as a chapter on Decorative And Reproduction Decoys) and lots and lots more including very valuable decoys should you come across such "rare birds" that can feather your nest, and can be found in "Collecting Antique Bird Decoys and Duck Calls - An Identification And Price Guide - 3rd Edition" by Carl F. Luckey and Russell E. Lewis, available in a huge 496-page edition for \$31.99 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 East State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. Or phone (888)-457-2873, ext. 209 toll free to order.

Q. Where can I find information on Bobbing Head dolls I recently started to collect? Marcella Davis, Springfield, VA.

A. Write the Bobbin' Head National Club, P.O. Box 9297, Daytona Beach, FL 32120. Enclose a long self-addressed stamped envelope for membership details. Now wouldn't it be nice if there was a Jay Leno bobbing head doll complete with the black spot in front of his hair - if you agree write Jay and tell him so.

Q. Where can I find information on Strawberry Shortcake dolls and doll houses and their value? Jayne Larson, Munster, IN.

A. Strawberry Shortcake collectibles came on the market around 1980 and immediately became a big hit with little girls everywhere, but was short lived only lasting until near the middle of the decade. Such merchandise included (besides dolls and dollhouses of which there were different types) swimsuits, bed linens, blankets, anklets, underclothing, coats, shoes, sleeping bags, games, toys, and numerous other things specifically made to charm and enchant the hearts of little girls. To check out any of the pieces you have for their value, write Peggy Jimenez c/o the Strawberry Shortcake Collectors' Club, 1409 72nd St., North Bergen, NJ 07047-3827. Enclose a long self-addressed stamped envelope for membership or Strawberry Shortcake items information, or phone 201-868-7334.

Write Anita Gold, P.O. Box 597401, Chicago, IL 60650. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, a copy of the column and the name of the paper in which

it appeared. Visit my website at www.anitagold.com.

Century 21 makes Announcements

Oak Lawn's Century 21 Accent-Home-finders announces two new sales associates. They are Richard Suta and James Jania. Both men will specialize in residential sales in the Southwest Chicago and Suburban areas. Suta and Jania successfully completed extensive training and licensing through Century 21's fast track training program.

Both men have extensive experience in customer service areas in real estate and non-real estate areas. Performance based training is necessary at Century 21 so that associates maintain their competitive edge and offer the best service possible to clients.

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Bremen hospitality class holds cake-decorating contest

The Bremen High School Hospitality I Class sponsored a cake-decorating contest recently. Students voted for the best decorated cake during all of the lunch periods.

Students baked the cakes, iced them and then developed a theme for decorating them. "The hospitality stu-

dents really seem to enjoy what we do in class. To make the unit even more interesting, I decided to turn it into a contest and let the students' peers outside of class decide the winner," Ms. Enright explained.

Students in the hospitality class include Yesenia Ayala, Dalinda Chavey, Brittani Tousson, Lorri Gurnak, Laquita Handy, Jarrell Howard, Rebecca Jackson, Mary Jenkins, Mark Jones, Tim Maltese, Jenni McBride, Isila Mendez, Jerry Moore, Ana Navarrete, Vicki Parsino, Rick Reed, Erica Remijio, Shaina Sims, Truvan Thomas, Liz West, Guisela Young, Sawn Young and Erin Kelly.

PTA Announces College Scholarships

Sending your child to college can be an overwhelming experience. Fortunately, the local Parent Teacher Associations support several scholarship funds so that the process of paying for college is a bit easier and less stressful. Listed below are some of the local PTA scholarships and their requirements.

Helen Whalen Higher Education Scholarship Award

This scholarship fund is supported by the Oak Lawn-Hometown PTA Council, awarding four scholarships worth \$500 each. All applicants must have attended elementary school in District 123 for at least four years, must be in the top 25% of their class, and plan to attend an accredited institution of higher education. Applications can be obtained from all area high school counselor offices until March 26, 2004. For more information, call Donna Boetscher at (708)-422-3292.

Illinois PTA Lillian Glover Scholarship Award

This scholarship awards one \$1,000 and one \$500 scholarship to any student who is in the top 25% of their graduating class, attends any Illinois Public High School, and is entering the field of an education or education-related degree program. Applications can be obtained from all public high school counselor offices until March 1, 2004. For more information, call Donna Boetscher at (708)-422-3292 or Nanette Smith at (708)-499-5086.

Oak Lawn High School PTSA Higher Education Award

This \$500 scholarship can only be awarded to students who are in the upper 25% of their class, have attended Oak Lawn Community High School for at least one year, are attending an accredited institution of higher education, and are

members of the PTSA. One scholarship is awarded to a student in the Special Education Program. Applications are available in the OLCHS Counselor's Office until March 5, 2004. For more information, call Donna Boetscher at (708)-422-3292 or Mary Ann Tadla at (708)-499-5736.

Ridgeland District 122 PTA Council Scholarship

The Ridgeland District 122 PTA Council announces its first annual scholarship. The \$500 award will be given to a former District 122 student who has attended one or more of the district schools for at least five years and has a 2.5 GPA. Applications are due at the District Office, located at 6550 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, by Saturday, May 1, 2004.

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MANAGING YOUR MONEY

A Few Credit Resolutions Can Go A Long Way

The season for resolutions is upon us, and our best intentions range from losing a few pounds to being kinder to our loved ones. Of course, for many of us, thoughts turn to the year's financial decisions.

More consumers than

ever before rely on the safety, convenience and flexibility of their credit cards for everyday transactions, major purchases and emergencies.

Most people use credit cards wisely and manage their financial decisions very

well. Still, nearly everyone can do a few things to improve their financial picture and their credit card habits. A few simple resolutions will go a long way:

- Make payments on time-establishing and maintaining a history of making regular payments helps to improve consumer credit scores and can lower credit card interest rates.

- Evaluate competing offers of credit-credit card companies regularly solicit prospective and existing customers with better terms and interest rates to ensure that responsible users of credit have access to the best financing opportunities.

- Track monthly spending-design a reasonable monthly budget and do your best to stick to it. Track actual expenses as they are incurred. Notice whether you're spending more than you budgeted, and reduce your spending where you can.

The best hopes for the coming year can be foiled when a criminal decides to make you a victim of fraud or identity theft. When it comes to protecting against crimes that use your personal information, there are a few easy resolutions to consider:

- Frequently check your credit and bank statements to ensure that there are no unauthorized purchases or changes in your personal information.

- Review your credit report regularly-credit reports usually cost about \$9 each, and in a variety of circumstances, such as suspicion of fraud or denial of credit, consumers are entitled to free reports.

- Record your credit card account numbers, expiration dates and customer service department telephone numbers in a safe location-if you realize your credit or charge cards have been lost or stolen, immediately call the issuer(s). Many companies have toll-free numbers and 24-hour service to deal with such emergencies.

- Save receipts to compare with billing statements to quickly evaluate whether the purchases listed are yours. Shred receipts and statements before throwing them away.

- Don't lend credit cards to anyone or leave cards or receipts lying around, and never write account numbers on a postcard or the outside of an envelope.

- Don't give out credit card information over the phone or on-line unless you initiate the transaction and you are comfortable that the company you are dealing with is reputable-if you have any questions about a company, check it out with a local consumer protection office or the Better Business Bureau.

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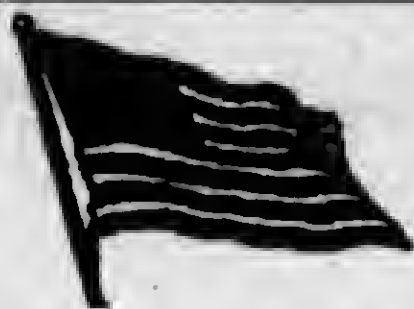
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Orland Park joins Primeco Cellular litigation

By David Vognar

On Monday, January 5, the Village of Orland Park approved a move to assist Primeco Cellular in its legal battles against the state of Illinois by giving an amount of more than \$12,000 to the wireless service provider's attorneys at Holland and Knight LLC. If the cell phone company wins the lawsuit, the victory could also be a big boon for Orland, as well.

Primeco Cellular's lawsuit stems from the legislature's 1998 decision to impose a new tax called the 'municipal telecommunications infrastructure maintenance fee.' This measure set out to tax telecom providers within the city of Chicago at a 2% rate, while collected 1% from providers in other cities.

Primarily, according to wirelessweek.com, the tax sought to replace the right-of-way wire-line fees that the state had formerly used to tax telephone and communications companies. The tax would be assessed at the municipal level, instead of with the state. Ameritech and AT&T — organizations that own much of Illinois' wire infrastructure — did not contest the new tax.

Cellular phone companies wound up paying more than they deemed they were liable to pay, being that the up-and-coming technology accessed only the airwaves. Conversely, it appeared to Primeco Cellular that companies with large stakes in wire-line service received a tax break from the state's decision to do away with its invested capital tax in favor of the new municipal tax. In addition, Primeco Cellular claimed that many wireless companies were being forced

to help pay to maintain its rivals wire-lines.

Like many villages already asked to contribute to the cellular phone company's defense bill, Orland will be giving approximately one quarter per citizen to help aid the cause. But a victory could be much more valuable.

Primeco Cellular, now a company owned by US Cellular, originally filed suit over fears that it and its industry would suffer due to the legislation. However, because municipalities throughout the state have to now regulate right-of-way use and collect its own fees, many in the wireless industry are skeptical that the municipal tax is in any way efficient at generating funds for Illinois' cities. Not only could a Primeco/US Cellular victory help to keep commercial cellular phone business in town, but the success of the shared litigation could also free Orland from a burdensome tax that does more harm than good.

In other news, the village authorized Subway to occupy a new store at 14470 South LaGrange Road. Originally, the village had been hung up about a few of the code violations of the property. However, after relocating a handicap parking stall, conforming its signage to meet village code and installing a complete fire alarm system, Subway was given the green light and approved.

The village also moved to lower the required age of police officer applicants from 22 years of age to 21. Orland had noticed a dip in its applicant pool in the last few months, due mostly to the strict age requirements impeding the village from attracting newly-graduated college students. Even as it will lower its age limit, the

village plans to maintain its requirement of 60 hours, or an associate's degree, to join the force.

Orland's Chilly Willie Chili Challenge Returns

The spicy aroma of simmering chili filled the air on Saturday, January 17, when nearly fifty chili cooks from across the country converged on Orland Park, Illinois to compete in the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's regional "Chilly Willie Chili Challenge." In addition to the chili cook-off, Orland Park added a salsa competition for the first time.

The annual event took place at the Orland Park Civic Center, located at 14750 Ravinia Ave., from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. The proceeds from this cook-off benefit the village's Special Recreation Program.

Orland Park receives nearly \$4 million in state grants

The Village of Orland Park has received two state grant checks from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the purchase of property under the Open Lands of Orland Park program.

The village received a check in the amount of \$2 million toward the purchase of the 60-acre Stellwagen Farm, located at 177th and 80th Avenue. The village acquired the property in 2002 for \$6 million. The Stellwagen Farm is an historic site that has been in the same family since 1860. A portion of the property will be restored to natural prairie and a portion will remain a working farm and farm museum. The original 100-year old barn and farmhouse will also be preserved.

The village also received \$1,787,750.00 toward the purchase of the 30-acre Timberlake property, located at 155th Street and Will-Cook Road. The village purchased the property from McNaughton Development in 2002 for \$3.75 million and includes three acres that McNaughton donated to the village. The property has a direct connection to the larger Doctor Marsh property, which is protected under an agreement between the village and a developer. This area has endangered species including the black-crowned night heron and carex sedges. The 30-acre site will maintain a wildlife corridor and large habitat and provide potential for trail connections. It includes wetlands and woods.

"These are two great pieces of property that the village pursued to preserve in their natural and historic habitats," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "They'll provide a place for nature walks and passive recreation."

Mayor Dan McLaughlin proposed the Open Lands program nine years ago and funds were generally raised through donations and the Open Lands of Orland Park Golf Outing.

In 2000, Orland Park residents approved a \$20 million bond issue to help finance

the program. To date, 235 acres have been purchased and 38 acres have been donated for Open Lands.

Orland Park to Host Second Annual Indoor Duathlon

Winter's chill won't keep duathlon enthusiasts from enjoying their sport. On Saturday, February 21, the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department will host its Second Annual Indoor Duathlon at the village's Sportsplex, located at 11351 W. 159th St. in Orland Park. The competition begins at 8:00 a.m.

Preregistration is required for the Orland Park Duathlon. To participate, Sportsplex members must pay a \$12 fee, Orland Park residents who are not members, must pay a \$17 fee, and nonresidents must pay a \$25 fee.

Registration for the contest is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, located at 14650 S. Ravinia, or at the village's Sportsplex, located at

11351 W. 159th St. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex at (708)-645-7529.

"We had a great response last year and we're looking forward to even more people participating this year," said Village of Orland Park Sportsplex Fitness Center Manager Deborah Graham. "This is a great way to stay competitive during the winter months. It promises to be very exciting," Graham added.

The duathlon is a 13 mile competition that includes a 1.5 mile run, a 10 mile stationary bike ride, and a second 1.5 mile run. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place finishers, both men and women. Each participant will receive a long sleeve t-shirt.

Orland Park Sportsplex to Host Indoor Camp Out

Families are invited to "camp in" at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, staying overnight from Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 8. Participants will set up stake-less tents in the facility's soccer arena. The evening has a number of activities planned, including rock climbing, athletic events, age group competitions, and a movie as the evening winds down to a close. A continental breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The Village of Orland Park Sportsplex Camp Out costs \$5.00 per village resident family and \$10.00 for nonresident families. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at (708)-645-7529.

Green Hills Public Library announces programs

Winter movie festival contact: Wendy Horner

The Green Hills Public Library invites you to warm up with a good movie Thursday, January 22 at 3:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. We will show a double feature, have snacks, and a door prize! So, bring the whole family and enjoy some great entertainment. Call the Youth Services department for more information at 598-8446 ext 19. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills. Mad Professor's science lab

The Green Hills Public Library is calling all scientists ages 6 - 9 years old for our Mad Professor's Science Lab Wednesdays, January 21 - February 11, from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Help the professor in his lab create exciting experiments. Who would have thought that science could be so much fun! Call the Youth

Services department for more information at 598-8446 ext 19. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Warm up with a good book Stop into the Green Hills Public Library beginning January 13th to sign up for our adult winter reading program, which runs through February 25th. Prizes include gift certificates from area coffee shops and cafes. For more information call the Reference Department at (708) 598-8446 ext. 20. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

On display at Green Hills The paintings of Susan Buenger from Tinley Park are on display throughout the month of January at Green Hills Public Library. Susan attended the American Academy of Art, Moraine Valley

Community College, and trained with John Howard. She is a member of the Town and Country Art League. Susan's favorite subjects are people, nature, or creations from her imagination, and art has been an important part of my life since childhood. Take a look at this collection the next time you are in the Library. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Need a hand with your resume?

Green Hills Public Library is holding a program January 28 at 6:30 p.m. tailor made for you. Rita Kribs will help you learn the tricks of job searching and help you to update your resume? Call the Adult Services department at 598-8446 ext 20 for more information or to register. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Flower and Garden Show bus trip

Join the Green Hills Public Library for a bus trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Regis-

tration is open now. Please call the reference desk at 598-8446 ext 20 to register

or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Village of Orland Park Playskool to Host Open House

Recognized as one of the best kindergarten preparatory programs in the Orland Park area, the Village of Orland Park Playskool Program has been in existence since it was first offered by the Recreation and Parks Department in 1975.

On Wednesday, February 25, the Recreation and Parks

Department will host open houses at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center at 14650 S. Ravinia Ave., and the Robert Davidson Center at 14700 Park Lane from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Ample time has been allotted for parents to visit both facilities.

Playskool faculty will be present to answer parents' questions and to explain dif-

ferent parts of the classroom. A majority of Orland Park's preschool instructors are degreed professionals, all of whom are certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department offers two levels of preschool. Beginning Playskool, designed for children ages 3 to 4, meets two days per week with morning and afternoon sessions available. Advanced Playskool, tailored for 4 to 5 year old children entering kindergarten the following year, meets three days per week, also with the choice of morning or afternoon sessions.

To obtain more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department Playskool Program at (708)-403-7275.

Orland Park Hosts Cancer Charity Event

An annual favorite returns when the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department hosts the Annual Chefs' Auction in cooperation with the American Cancer Society.

Restaurants from throughout the south suburban area donate their culinary talents and signature entrees for at-

tendees to sample during this elegant evening on Thursday, February 19. The Orland Chateau, located at 14500 S.

LaGrange Road in Orland Park, has donated the use of its facility for this fund-raiser, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Charity Benefit for Cancer-stricken Mother

A benefit for Laura Fassl of Evergreen Park, a single mother of three children, takes place Saturday, January 24 from 2 to 7 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., Merrionette Park.

Fassl has been stricken with cancer. Her three children include Michael, 14; Jamie, 11 and Victoria, 8.

Tickets are \$30 and includes beer, soda, food, and entertainment. Raffle tickets will also be available.

Additional tickets are available at Pano's Bar, 3159 W. 95th St., and Groucho's Bar & Grill, located at 8355 S. Pulaski. They can also be purchased by calling Liz Cumpian at (773)-502-4888.

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Chicago Ridge Library announces programs

Winter reading programs

The Youth Services department at Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, will begin its winter reading program, "Read for a Snowy Day", on January 31, 2004.

The program is open to children age 3 through grade 8. One book per week is the reading requirement. We offer weekly prizes and raffles. This program is partially sponsored by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation and the Chicago Wolves. For more information call 708-423-7753.

Contact person:
Constance VanSwol, Youth Services Librarian

Story Times

Chicago Ridge Public Library announces its Winter, 2004, Story Times. Registration for Chicago Ridge residents will begin Monday, January 19, and for non-residents on Wednesday, January 20. Registration is in person only. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis only, and group sizes are limited.

Toddler Time for two-year-olds and a parent or adult caregiver will be offered by the Chicago Ridge Public Library. The Winter Session will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and again at 10:00 am., beginning on Tuesday, February 3, continuing through March 23, 2004.

Story Time for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds will be offered by the Chicago Ridge Public Library. The Winter Session will begin on Wednesday evening, February 4, continuing through March

24, and will meet from 6:30 - 7:15 in the evening. Story Time sessions will be repeated on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:15 and from 10:30-11:15, and on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:15. This group will begin on February 5, and will continue through March 25, 2004.

Story Hour for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders will be offered by the Chicago Ridge Public Library. The Winter Session will begin on Thursday, February 5, and will continue through March 25, 2004. The sessions will meet from 3:30 - 4:30.

Story Time is a great way to give your child the extra enrichment he or she needs. It is an opportunity for developing appropriate social interaction skills in the library environment. The library is also a wonderful place for developing language skills. For more information on Story Times, contact the Library at 708-423-7753.

Contact: Constance VanSwol, Youth Services Librarian.

Other winter programs

Exciting programs are offered this winter to children in grades 3-8 at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford. Culture Club, open to grades 4-8 will begin February 3 and end April 20. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 3:30-4:30.

The theme of the club this winter will be Ancient Egypt. Children will learn about the wonders and mysteries of Ancient Egypt through books, videos, music, crafts and food sampling. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Jan. 19th.

A book discussion for kids in grades 3,4,& 5 will meet on the first and third Thursdays in February, March, and April from 6:30-7:30 pm. An introductory meeting will be held February 5 when children will be given their first paperback book to read. They should be ready to discuss the book at the following meeting. Three books will be read and discussed during the two months.

This group offers young children who enjoy reading the opportunity to talk about and think about the books they read. Registration is required and starts on Monday, January 19. Class size is limited to 15.

Kid's chess Club for kids in grades 3-6 started on Monday January 12. This group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Kids who want to learn to play chess or to compete with others can drop in to the library from 3:30-4:30.

A Movie Matinee will be held at 2:00 on the school free day of February 16.

For more information about these or other library programs, please call 708-423-7753.



Carie Parkes of Pharmanex is scanning Carol Janicki, sales manager of Palos Olympic Health Club at the facility.

Know your rating

By Carlene O'Connor

Doesn't everybody want to fight against cancer and disease in their bodies? There is a new product on the market which may enable everybody to do so at a reasonable cost while monitoring their progress. Doctors are very impressed with the program.

The antioxidant laser scanner (Bio-Photonic Scanner) was developed by the research facility at the University of Utah. It is based on the Nobel Prize scanning laser technology called Raman Spectroscopy. By simply placing the palm of your hand in front of a safe, low energy blue light laser, you receive an immediate reading of your antioxidant activity. These readings can be obtained at various locations.

At Palos Olympic Health Club in Palos Hills, Carie Parkes gives readings. Speaking Mrs. Parkes, she said, "The American Cancer and Heart Association recommends we eat 6-10 servings of fruit and vegetables per day. We're finding the numbers in this country are much lower than they should be. Four out of 5 Americans die from cancer, heart disease, and stroke, and poor

diet is a big part of that."

"We can not only tell people their antioxidant levels, but another value of the scanner is that if they take a vitamin, we can tell if it's actually working or not. If it isn't, we have a program that we recommend that will. Many vitamins do not dissolve in the body. Of those that do, many are not bioavailable, meaning they don't get into the body to be used to fight damage at the cellular level. A good place to check for supplement ratings is www.supplementwatch.com. The Lifepak product that we recommend is rated #1."

People who have already purchased the vitamins and are on the program, are making progress in their scores.

Carol Janicki and bob diamond both improved after just a few weeks. Most people would agree they would not want to walk around not knowing if they have a low score or not.

This company is growing. It is looking for interested people to move ahead with them.

Please call 708-837-2822 if you would like to speak to Carie about being scanned or

Palos Hills changes meeting time

by Carlene O'Connor

The City of Palos Hills meetings will now be at 7 pm rather than 8 pm for Committee and Council.

Senior 39 club is sponsoring "Have a Heart for a Veteran" and is looking for donations of items, such as white socks, toothpaste, deodorant, personal items, etc. Residents and businesses, may donate before February 13, for the Extended Care Unit of Hines Hospital.

For more information of this worthwhile project, please call 708 / 430-4500.

DAR chapter to meet

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on January 17th. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm on the "Porch" of Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Ave., Palos Heights. The program will be a chapter presentation, as members will display and share information about their antique quilts and apparel. Perspective members welcome.

Call 708-532-5617 for information

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Green Hills Public Library announces programs

Winter movie festival contact: Wendy Horner

The Green Hills Public Library invites you to warm up with a good movie Thursday, January 22 at 3:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. We will show a double feature, have snacks, and a door prize! So, bring the whole family and enjoy some great entertainment. Call the Youth Services department for more information at 598-8446 ext 19. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills. Mad Professor's science lab

The Green Hills Public Library is calling all scientists ages 6 - 9 years old for our Mad Professor's Science Lab Wednesdays, January 21 - February 11, from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Help the professor in his lab create exciting experiments. Who would have thought that science could be so much fun! Call the Youth

Services department for more information at 598-8446 ext 19. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Warm up with a good book Stop into the Green Hills Public Library beginning January 13th to sign up for our adult winter reading program, which runs through February 25th. Prizes include gift certificates from area coffee shops and cafes. For more information call the Reference Department at (708) 598-8446 ext. 20. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

On display at Green Hills The paintings of Susan Buenger from Tinley Park are on display throughout the month of January at Green Hills Public Library. Susan attended the American Academy of Art, Moraine Valley

Community College, and trained with John Howard. She is a member of the Town and Country Art League. Susan's favorite subjects are people, nature, or creations from her imagination, and art has been an important part of my life since childhood. Take a look at this collection the next time you are in the Library. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Need a hand with your resume?

Green Hills Public Library is holding a program January 28 at 6:30 p.m. tailor made for you. Rita Kribs will help you learn the tricks of job searching and help you to update your resume? Call the Adult Services department at 598-8446 ext 20 for more information or to register. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Flower and Garden Show bus trip

Join the Green Hills Public Library for a bus trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Registration is open now. Please call the reference desk at 598-8446 ext 20 to register or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

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Village of Orland Park Playskool to Host Open House

Recognized as one of the best kindergarten preparatory programs in the Orland Park area, the Village of Orland Park Playskool Program has been in existence since it was first offered by the Recreation and Parks Department in 1975.

On Wednesday, February 25, the Recreation and Parks

Department will host open houses at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center at 14650 S. Ravinia Ave., and the Robert Davidson Center at 14700 Park Lane from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Ample time has been allotted for parents to visit both facilities.

Playskool faculty will be present to answer parents' questions and to explain dif-

ferent parts of the classroom. A majority of Orland Park's preschool instructors are degreed professionals, all of whom are certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department offers two levels of preschool. Beginning Playskool, designed for children ages 3 to 4, meets two days per week with morning and afternoon sessions available. Advanced Playskool, tailored for 4 to 5 year old children entering kindergarten the following year, meets three days per week, also with the choice of morning or afternoon sessions.

To obtain more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department Playskool Program at (708)-403-7275.

tendees to sample during this elegant evening on Thursday, February 19. The Orland Chateau, located at 14500 S.

LaGrange Road in Orland Park, has donated the use of its facility for this fund-raiser, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Orland Park Hosts Cancer Charity Event

An annual favorite returns when the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department hosts the Annual Chefs' Auction in cooperation with the American Cancer Society.

Restaurants from throughout the south suburban area donate their culinary talents and signature entrees for at-

Charity Benefit for Cancer-stricken Mother

A benefit for Laura Fassl of Evergreen Park, a single mother of three children, takes place Saturday, January 24 from 2 to 7 p.m. at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., Merriette Park.

Fassl has been stricken with cancer. Her three children include Michael, 14; Jamie, 11 and Victoria, 8.

Tickets are \$30 and includes beer, soda, food, and entertainment. Raffle tickets will also be available.

Additional tickets are available at Pano's Bar, 3159 W. 95th St., and Groucho's Bar & Grill, located at 8355 S. Pulaski. They can also be purchased by calling Liz Cumpian at (773)-502-4888.

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What's The Big TIF About?

By Matt Mayer

Pictured above is an artist rendition of the of the redevelopment agreement with Oak Brook Terrace based Mid-America Investment and Development Company LLC, which was approved at the January 27th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting by a 5-1 vote - Trustee Bob Streit dissented. The predevelopment agreement allows continued negotiations between Mid America and business owners in the expanded Triangle Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District.

A TIF district uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing body obligations - 23 years is the maximum life of a TIF District. The expanded Triangle TIF district boundaries are south of 95th St to Yourell Drive, between 52nd Ave and 53rd Ave. The proposed project would include razing the small business stores from Mel's Men's Shop at the corner of 95th and 52nd Ave to Eckert's Meat Market on the corner of 53rd Ave and 95th St as well as the businesses on Cook Ave and the VFW Post on 52nd Ave. These businesses are slated to be replaced with national chain stores along with 80 to 100 condominiums and a multi

story parking deck.

The proposed plans are for a retail/condo building facing 95th St from 52nd Ave to Cook Ave and a retail/condo building from Cook Ave to 53rd Ave with a 53 car parking lot directly behind. A retail/condo building is slated to be built on the former Cook School vacant site, which Mid-America purchased last year. A triple deck parking garage on the east side of Cook Ave across from the former Cook school will be built along with another retail/condo building facing 52nd Ave.

Attorney David Centracchio represented Frank Mancari, who opposes the project and is a property/business owner of Future Finance Co at 5251 W. 95th St as well as the Chrysler dealership at 4630 W 95th St. Centracchio said it was their understanding that a multiuse was not included in the 1998 comprehensive plan. Mancari is also concerned that if Mid America acquires 75 percent of the buildings, the village could invoke eminent domain, which he feels, would be threatening to business owners. Eminent domain allows government to take private property for public use by virtue of the superior dominion of the sovereign power over all lands in its jurisdiction.

After the meeting busi-

ness owners were gathered outside the village chambers.

The business owners were reluctant to talk; however on the basis of anonymity, several business owners expressed their concerns. The general consensus was that they felt they had been left in the dark. One business owner said he doesn't know if the building owner from which he rents sold out or is in talks about selling the building. All they hear are rumors and that the uncertainty of this entire process is very stressful. They were also afraid that the village would invoke eminent domain powers.

An ordinance authorizing a study of the feasibility of establishing a TIF district to improve deteriorating physical conditions and stimulate new economic development within the area of the village's commuter parking lot/station, the area south of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad Tracks, from just west of Cook Ave to 50th Avenue, was approved by a 5-1 vote - Trustee Bob Streit dissented. Streit also questioned the previously discussed grant acquisition funds for this improvement project. Village Manager Joe Faber responded that the tillage has applied for the grant and it takes approximately 120 days to receive notification if the grant is to be

awarded. By approving this ordinance the village would be immediately able to proceed with the study if the grant is denied. The cost of the study will be \$21,000. The money would be charged back to the TIF district if it were deemed that a TIF district could be established.

An additional ordinance authorizing a study of the

feasibility of establishing a TIF district to improve deteriorating physical conditions and stimulate new economic development within the 87th Street corridor, from Major Avenue to Menard Ave was also approved by a 4-2 vote. Trustee Steve Rosenbaum and Trustee Bob Streit dissented. The cost of this study is \$16,200.

Evergreen Park approves Budget

By Matt Mayer

At the January 20th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting Mayor James Sexton reported that the fire department applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$67,9072 for First Responder equipment through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The board approved an ordinance budget appropriation for fiscal year November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004 in the amount of \$21,687,688.

The board approved an ordinance increasing the water rates - the increase will go from \$2.89 to \$3.09 per thousand gallons used. Sexton stated that 3% of this increase is due to the city of Chicago raising the rates that they charge the village. Also a percentage was factored in for the village pumping station at 90th and Troy, where 5 new pumps and new generators were added. Sexton stated that the pumps and generators date back to the 1950s and that there was a good chance they would go down, leaving no water pressure to fight fires. Additional money was also spent at this location for terrorism safety protection devices such as cameras to make sure our

water supply is safe and secure. The board also approved a sewer usage increase from 60 cents to 70 cents per thousand gallons used.

The board approved the renewal of the following scavenger licenses for 2004: Crown Recycling & Waste, Environmental Recycling, Flood Brothers, Groen Waste, Land & Lakes, Waste Management and Windy City Waste and Recycling.

Evergreen Park resident Jimmy Guenther, the Former 2002 Muscular Dystrophy Association Illinois State Ambassador, along with a representative from the MDA, presented plaques to the Fire Department and Mayor Sexton in appreciation for their support of the Association. The fire department has partnered with the MDA for the past 50 years and raised \$2,000 in August during the "Fill the Boot" campaign.

The board approved the following Business Regulation Certificates: Hayat Home Medical Equipment, a home medical equipment rental business at 3518 W. 95th St, All Fund Mortgage at 9301 S. Kedzie Ave, T&R Distributor Co, for Kirby Vacuum cleaner sales, ser-

vice and recruiting at 2825 W. 87th St. A seasonal license was also granted to Liberty Tax Service in the Plaza.

The board approved a request from Police Chief Michael Saunders to promote Keith Hojeck to the rank of Sergeant as well as a request to hire one replacement officer to fill a vacancy.

Mayor Sexton reported that the Streetscape Project has been approved. The project is slated to begin early this spring. Sexton stated mailings were sent to all businesses on 95th St, asking them to attend a meeting on February 16th in regards to the project and also to let them know some of the expected problems.

Mayor Sexton stated, "It will not go without headaches, but if we expect better things done there has to be some lumps in the road. We will have meetings to communicate with the business people to let them know exactly what we are going to do". He also said that there were no major problems at the 95th and Western streetscape project and feels there will be no major problems with this project as well.

This project will include removing all current sidewalks on 95th St, adding planters and groundouts for trees, new lighting, as well as additional lighting in certain areas. There will be a crest installed at the Kedzie, Campbell, and Pulaski Ave intersections.

The board approved a traffic safety request for a 4-way stop at 98th and Hamlin Ave. Signs prohibiting turns off of 99th St onto Hamlin Ave between the hours of 2 pm and 4 pm were also approved. The village is hosting a winter fest called "Family Flake Fest", the evening of Friday February 13th and Saturday February 14th. - more information will be made available as the fest nears.

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News about our local service personnel

Air Force Reserve Maj. Edward F. Malinowski has arrived for duty at Youngstown Air Reserve Station,

Vienna, Ohio. Malinowski is an aircraft maintenance officer with the 910th Maintenance Opera-

tions Squadron. He has 23 years of military service. He is the son of Sabina Malinowski of Burbank.

The major is a 1978 graduate of Gordon Technical High School, Chicago, Ill., and received an bachelor's degree in 1984 from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Army 2nd Lt. Eric A. Miller has graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., with authorization to wear the distinctive Ranger Tab. A graduate of the Ranger course is the epitome of the U.S. infantryman.

During the 61-day course, the Ranger proved that he could successfully accomplish all required tasks during the three phases of training. The course is designed to assess and develop military skills, physical and mental endurance, stamina, and confidence of the soldier to successfully accomplish small unit combat missions. The training is tough, rugged, strenuous, and realistic, and is conducted in three ter-

rains, wooded, mountainous, and jungle-swamp. The soldier is trained to withstand the stresses of combat and overcome all obstacles to accomplish the mission under any circumstance or situation. The Ranger is trained to properly sustain himself and his subordinates, and maintain equipment under difficult field conditions during simulated combat operations; develop combat functional skills for planning and conducting ground, airmobile, airborne, and water-

borne patrolling and survival operations.

Miller is a general engineer with the 2nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry, Camp Castle, Tongduchon-up, South Korea. He has more than a year of military service. He is the son of Brian D. and Jeannette E. Miller of Justice.

The second lieutenant is a 1998 graduate of Argo Community High School, Summit, and a 2002 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

vice. Awards for 30 years went to Michael Spellman, Wayne Beran, and Ronald Preiser of the Police Department, Edward Stroner and Walter O'Neil of the Fire Department, Steven Barrett of the Street Department; and Thomas Jones and Daniel Sharwarko of the Water Department.

Awards for 25 years went to Robert Johnson, Glen Kois, and George Stuhlmiller of the Police Department, Thomas Shervino and Thomas Finn of the Fire Department, and Michael Kearney of Equipment Maintenance. Awards for 20 years went to Michael Denton of Equipment Maintenance. Awards for 15 years went to John Hojek of the Fire Department and Robert Lenz of the Water Department.

Awards for 10 years went to Susan Lanhan of the Finance Department, Scott O'Neil and Nancy Born of the Police Department Gary Bettenhausen, Nicholas Perisin and William Felmon, Jr of the Fire Department, Steven Brose, Eileen Allen, Lori Cypranowski, Lori Gromala of Communications, Ida Johnson of Quality Control and James Boyle of Building & Grounds.

The board approved renewal of enhanced 9-1-1 Network Service Agreement. A request to appoint one Firefighter, one Police Officer, and one Administrative Secretary and upgrade one Office Supervisor was also approved. The board took the lowest bid and awarded the 2004 landscape maintenance services contract to Kinsella Landscape Inc of Blue Island. A request for waiver of bids for the purchase of six new Crown Victorias and one Expedition from Hawkinson Ford for \$144,485.00 was also approved as well as a recommendation to approve a supplemental motor fuel tax appropriation resolution for 103rd Street reconstruction project. The board approved the appointment of Planning & Development Commission Attorney, Michael B. Stillman. The last day to register to vote in the March primary election is Tuesday February 17th.

OL Employees recognized for Length of Service

By Matt Mayer

At the January 27th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting Trustee Jerry Hurekes presented Christmas decorating awards to the following residents of the District 1. Along with a \$20 gift certificate for American Sales- so they can buy some more Christmas stuff Hurekes said. The recipients of the awards were the Pulver Family of 9612 S. Natoma, the Surma Family of 9100 S. Ridgeland, the Mora Family of 7001 W. 87th St, the Herpich Family of 6248 W. 94th St, and the Moses Family of 5736 W. 87th Pl.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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FAREWELL TO FANNIE MAY



I hadn't given much thought to the news that Fannie May was going out of business. What brought this bitter reality to my attention was the recent sight at a Fannie May store. The little shop of sweets was bursting with customers, stock piling up on the sugary treats, to perhaps calm a future, raging sweet tooth. And, that's when it finally hit home: What will the future be like without our beloved Fannie May?

To some that may sound a little silly in light of the trouble and conflict in the world today. We are truly living in uncertain times. Acts of terrorism threaten us, not only abroad but at home here as well. While it is true that there's a lot more to grieve over than the loss of a candy store, perhaps that is precisely why it will be so sorely missed.

Fannie May was more than just candy, it became more like part of the family—blending with our most endearing memories, as well as bringing a smile when our sagging spirits needed a little pick me up—so it is a bit disheartening that this confection of comfort will no longer be ours for the indulging.

Of all the memories of my giving and receiving Fannie May, there is one that sticks out in my mind as a reminder of just how priceless a treat they were.

On Christmas eve, when I was a little girl, my grandma would spend the night, helping my mother get everything ready for Christmas morning. After we were sound asleep the gifts would be placed under the tree. It was only then that Mom would break out the box of Fannie May creams for her and my grandmother to enjoy.

One year, when we kids were a bit older, Mom hid the coveted box of chocolates in the storage area connected to the basement. That Christmas eve they followed their holiday routine of drinking coffee while waiting for me, my brothers and sister to fall asleep.

When they finally got to the box of Fannie May, my mom made a frightening discovery. It appeared that a mouse, with fancy taste, beat them to their chocolate covered utopia.

A teeny-tiny corner of the box had been chewed but, thank goodness, no candy had been touched. Mom, being of queasy stomach, went to throw the assorted creams in the garbage when Grandma brought her to her senses. "Those are Fannie May!!", she almost yelled, grabbing the box from Mom as if it was gold.

They sat and enjoyed their Christmas eve treat, though Mom only ate from the center of the box—just in case.

There will never be another Fannie May. It has brought a sweet memory all its own to so many happy occasions.

Gifting someone with Fannie May meant you thought that person was special.

My husband Bill acknowledged my birthday last week with the most beautiful bouquet of flowers and a 1LB box of Mint-Melt-Aways. I still have yet to open it. I will try my best to savor each and every piece, for when they are gone I know I will never enjoy them again.

In the grand scheme of things I know there are more important things to mourn than the demise of Mint-Melt-Aways, but it is sad that in these times of heartbreak and despair, one tiny, frivolous, fragment of unforgettable flavor has melted from our taste buds—no longer a choc-filled respite from our every day woes.

We will miss you Fannie May.

Contemporary Service to be held

On Sunday, February 8th, a Contemporary Church Service will be held at 1:00 pm at Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. The service will be lead by Reverend Linda Du Puy and the New Creations Music Ministry.

This is a time of praise, worship and renewal. The music and message are upbeat and encouraging. A free will offering will be taken. All ages and denominations are welcome.

For more information, call Linda at 708 / 425-6957 or 708 / 641-6376.

Majewski being honored



Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, also Chairman of Finance, for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored at a party on Thursday, Feb. 5. It will be held at O'Brien's Restaurant, 1528 N. Wells St. from 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be on hand. Tickets are \$75 and further information is available by calling 312-751-5665.

Majewski will speak before the Oak Lawn Chamber of commerce, Tuesday, Feb 10 following a 12 pm lunch in the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn.

Anne Casey, President, announced the commissioner will explain the workings of the MWRD with a slide presentation.

Commissioner Majewski received her education from Mundel College. She has served as a commissioner since 1984 and in 1988 was appointed, then elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, the first woman to hold that position. In 1989 Majewski took a leadership role in proposing a voluntary tax-cap on district expenditures. The plan was adopted two years before the State Legislature adopted a mandatory state-wide cap.

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Paster Bonner Jr. to speak at Oak Lawn Aglow

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, February 12, 2004 at the Oak Lawn

Holiday Inn 4140 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Pastor Ken Bonner Jr. will return as the February speaker, having spoken for this lighthouse a few years ago. He is a RHEMA graduate. Pastor Ken moved to Chicago in 1998 when his dad died, to assume the responsibilities of his father, at Christian Fellowship Church. Later his sister Pam Kacys joined him and she now co-pastors with him. He is married, has 3 children, one of whom is a 1 year old son and was an attorney. His special desire is to help people overcome hardships, depression and hurt by receiving God's blessings.

Bring a friend to be uplifted and encouraged.

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30PM at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00PM. Reservations are required by February 4th. For additional information and reservations please call June at (708) 424-1656.

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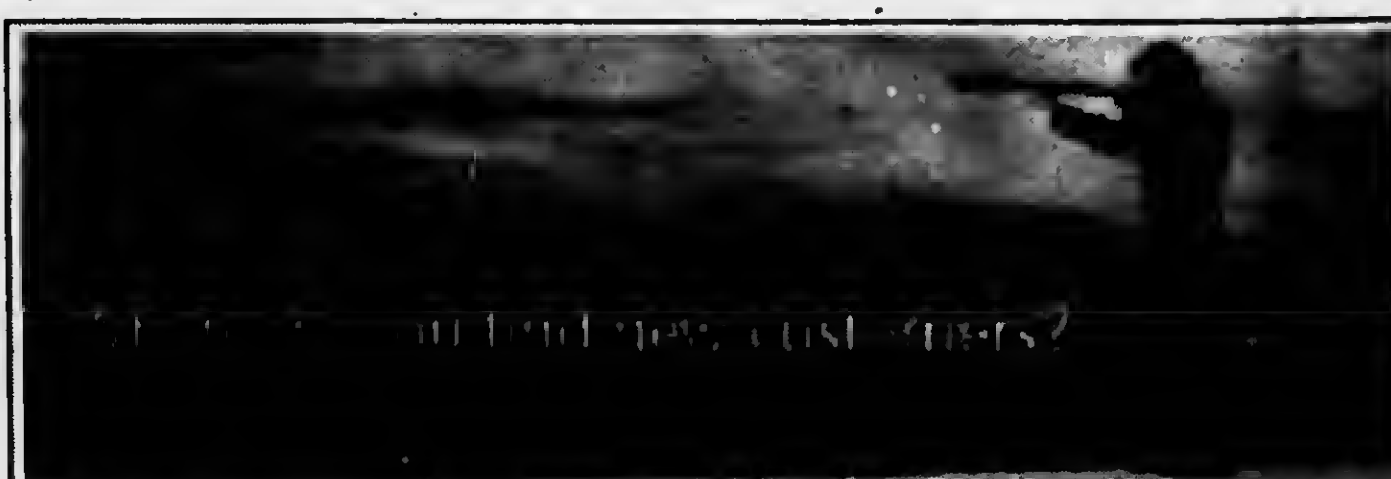
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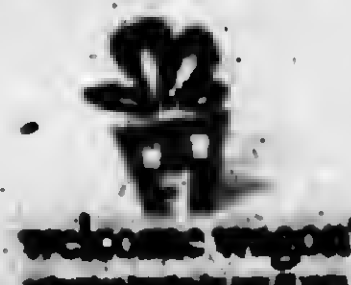


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The Monthly Forecast for February 2004
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"It's Elementary Astrology" A Psychic Insight based on the Elements: *Water [Cancer, Scorpio, and Pisces] *Earth [Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn] *Fire [Aries, Leo, and Sagittarius] *Air [Gemini, Libra and Aquarius] and Astrology Sun Signs. Initials given (if any) can be first or last names of people involved.

Water Signs: You simply cannot go wrong IF you make a plan to follow BEFORE you go into new ventures. Some of you may make investments and others may choose to involve themselves in Real Estate. Health needs attention, especially matters of intestinal balance. Love is in need of a boost, stop taking each other for granted, try dating your love again no matter how long you have been with them or married to them. S...D and F are your best helps this month.

Earth Signs: You may seem like a "wind up doll" appearing to be in constant motion, having to be here, there and everywhere. A big deal may come your way where you could come into a lot of money, or you may even win it. This is an exciting month for you to enjoy. Don't run away from taking on new responsibilities, the challenges they represent are exciting and worth the effort. J and D may step in to show you how to accomplish what you want to accomplish.

Fire Signs: This month links to money, to travel and to pleasure. Be prepared to come up with a plan that can invite success. You may find help through someone J or W. Some of you may apply for loans, others may be "handed" what they need by relatives or friends. February talks loudly to your very soul wanting you to get back to your Faith and realize your own inner powers. Some Fire signs move or make plans to relocate to other States: Between now and November it would be best to have your plans made.

Air Signs: You do love a mystery! This is one of those months where you feel things are in slow motion, more like a dream. Once you do catch up with yourself you can find what you want or need through the help of people born in the Fire elements. Read the above message. Someone born in the sign of Aquarius or on the 7-16 or 25th of any sign shows up as a positive, helpful, encouraging person in this month's activities. You might decide to take on a study and it can eventually cause you to have more money in your pocket.

NOTE: It is time to have a *Personal Psychic Service "One-on-One"* with me at **The Baymont Inn/Alsip**. You can also have a session by phone, or in your home or office. Know what to expect! Most "Sessions" are taped for your later recall. Hypnotherapy and Counseling also available. *House Parties* can be for 3 to 9 guests...it's a good party idea for any occasion. I also can do larger groups. [Call Alyn]. I'm also available to be a **Guest Speaker for your Club or Organization**.

MINI-SESSIONS with me are available at **Willoughby's Restaurant** [122nd & Harlem] on Feb 4th & 18th & **Oak Forest Bowl** [152nd & S. Cicero] on Feb 2nd & 16th, all starting at 7PM. By appt/walk-ins welcome. Call my office at 708-597-5866 or 597-6721. Send for a Free Brochure of my Services at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 or call us. Get your *NumAstrology Profile* and/or an *AstroPath* \$12.95 each. Visit TheDailyPsychic.Com and JackiMari.Com

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Marie Ruff RN

Award received by nurse

The 2004 Sister Nancy Boyle LCM Award Recipient is Marie McFadden Ruff RN, Master of Health Care Administration is a 30 year employee and Vice President of Patient Care Services. The Award will be presented at the Crystal Heart Ball on February 7, 2004.

An only child, Marie Ruff was raised by a father and aunts. An alumna of the three-year-nursing program at Little Company of Mary School of Nursing, she graduated in 1956. She married and has five children. In 1971 Marie returned as a part time staff nurse in Labor and Delivery. Her career evolved then to numerous areas. The criteria for nomination addressed her nursing practice, compassion and courage.

Marie Ruff is a nurse's nurse, a champion of those who seek it as a profession and career. She extols the Sisters as mentors and role models.

Dentist also receives award



Richard J. Cahill DDS

The 2004 Mary Potter Humanitarian Award Recipient is Richard J. Cahill, DDS. He is being honored for his leadership, generosity, compassion and dedication to the medical and dental needs of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Cahill is a pediatric dentist who founded Care for Children that provides humanitarian resource and dental and medical supplies for orphans and refugees living in the area of Medjugorje. Long devoted to Our Lady, Cahill read about apparitions and made his first visit in 1987. As anyone who has been there, there is inspiration. (I know).

Cahill at that time was dismayed to see the lack of medical and dental care available to the people there. The civil war began in 1991 and made matters worse. Cahill has brought volunteers to Medjugorje on numerous medical and dental missions.



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Photo: Moraine Valley Community College has received a four-car donation from Daimler Chrysler, including a 2001 Dodge Durango, a 2003 Jeep Wrangler, a 2003, Chrysler PT Cruiser and a 2004 Chrysler Sebring. From left: Dick Rackow, associate professor and coordinator of Automotive Technology and department chair of mechanical Technologies, Daimler Chrysler representative Mark Ward, marketing center manager, and Tim Lauing, Chicago Training center supervisor, Kim Wilson Mechanical Technologies secretary, Michael Collins, national manager Vocational Education Daimler Chrysler and Ira Siegel instructor Automotive Technology Moraine Valley.

Moraine Valley Community College News

Moraine Valley Mechanical Design and Drafting/CAD program announces 2+2-transfer agreement with Eastern Illinois University, Governors State University and Illinois State University.

The program allows students to earn their Associates in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Mechanical Design and drafting/CAD from Moraine Valley, then smoothly transfer their credits into a four-year degree program. Eastern and Illinois State offer Bachelor of Science degrees in Industrial Technology, and Governors State offers Board Moraine Valley of Governors degree or a Business and Applied Science degree in the field.

Moraine Valley's AAS program requires 65 credits. Both general education and engineering topics are required.

For further information about the programs, call Bales at 708-974-5401 or e-mail bales@morainevalley.edu

Moraine Valley Community College Foundation has appointed new members to the Board of Directors. Marge Bobb of Palos Park and Frank R. Barre, III of Frankfort.

Marge Bobb and her late husband have been generous and dedicated supporters since 1988. The couple Bob and Marge Bobb helped to establish the Student Life Center at the college dedicated in 2003.

Frank Barre is the workforce planning manager for UPS Chicago Area Consolidation Hub (CACH). His career began in 1976 while a student and his career quickly moved up over the years. Gifts received by the Foundation are used to support numerous academic programs, programming at the Fine and Performing Arts Center, scholarships, capital improvements to the campus,

technology enhancements and other special initiatives.

For more information, call the Foundation Office at 708-974-5740 or visit www.morainevalley.edu/foundation

For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist at 708-974-5281.

Las Vegas Night gives chance to bid farewell

The last large function was held at the Martinique Drury Lane in the St. Bernadette's Las Vegas Night for school sports. The top floor was overflowing with well-wishers, players, grand parents with children, and folk returned from all around.

Comments heard around the rooms were: "My son/daughter marriage reception was here, My husband and I were here for the first plays or the grandchildren were here with us for the children's programs. It was so great to see our adult children' friends after so long." This author, your theater critic, will miss the many things done there through the years from the mother-daughter memories from the various theater-banquets, the friendships nurtured over the years and just the culture emitted from the place. Good-bye.

Credit Counseling?

By Jon Jaroszewski
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Jon Jaroszewski

I don't think I've sat down to watch TV recently without seeing commercials for Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS).

These are non-profit companies like Ameridebt© that offer to work on your behalf to lower the interest rates and the payments on

credit cards and other consumer debt. The ads feature attractive people offering ecstatic 'testimonials' about how they cut their monthly payments in half or lowered their interest rate to 0%.

These companies are often able to accomplish what they offer, but the costs to the

consumer usually far outweigh the benefits. In the credit business, especially the mortgage business, CCCS is viewed the same as

a Chapter 13 bankruptcy.

This means most people who use these services will be denied the chance to obtain a new mortgage, or will have to pay a higher interest rate and larger down payment due to the additional risk involved.

I think it's a crime that these companies aren't required to disclose this in their ads, or at least when you call them on the phone. When I inform a borrower of the problems we are going to have because a CCCS shows on their credit, they are always surprised. They usually tell me if they had only known...

In addition, the State of Illinois, the Federal Trade Commission, the Better Business Bureau, and other state attorney generals have filed suit against Ameridebt© (probably because they are the biggest) alleging:

n Although it is a non-profit firm, it does not operate for charitable purposes, but rather to make money for affiliated, for-profit companies and individuals.

n It does not teach consumers how to handle their finances or future debt, but instead enrolls all their clients in debt management plans (DMP).

n Contrary to claims of no upfront fee, the first payment to the DMP, instead of going to creditors, goes to the affiliated companies as a profit.*

No wonder a not-for-profit can run so many commercials.

I've seen people who were just slightly behind on one or two credit cards completely destroy their credit payment record by enrolling in a DMP. I've seen a record of them paying into the DMP on time and yet get marked late on their credit report for 8 or 10 months in a row.

Until someone makes them stop, I'll do my best to spread my opinion. If you have a friend or relative that might be going through some difficulty, a copy of this article might save their credit. Better yet, have them call me and explain their credit situation. I'll try to give them some advice that could save them some heartache down the road.

*Source: Federal Trade Commission Website www.ftc.gov/bpa/2003/ameridebt.htm

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Kathy Lipinski, pediatric R.N.; Koji Ogawa's son, Koji Ogawa and the director of Heart Connection, Peg Schneider.

Little Company of Mary Hospital's Heart Connection is host

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers recently hosted Koji Ogawa, bereavement fellow and chief director of PR for the oldest and largest organization for bereaved children in Japan.

Little Company of Mary Hospital's Heart Connection was one of the first hospital-based children's grief support programs in Illinois and served as a role model for Ogawa's study.

Volunteer professionals staff the eight-year-old program. Some of the dedicated groups that offer time and support are: pediatric nurses, social workers, teachers, school counselors, and a hospital chaplain.

Peg Schneider, a hospital chaplain with Little Company's Pastoral Care and the Director of Heart Connection was thrilled to host Koji Ogawa after introduction last year in San Antonio Texas. Said Schneider, we are living through such complex times, and it is refreshing to have the ability to join forces and share with people from around the globe.

Accessories for your dog

H&M Launches a Collection of 50's-Inspired Line of Fashions for Your Four-Legged Friend

H&M, Europe's leading fashion retailer, announces the launch of its new line of high-end fashion for dogs. Inspired by the designs of the 1950s, the new dogwear line is true to H&M style, offering high-end fashion and quality at affordable prices. Innovative design and attention to detail have enabled H&M to create wide range of fashions and accessories - from raincoats to pet carriers. The collection to be unveiled today will be available at select New York City and Chicago H&M stores.

"Dressing your dog has become the hottest way to accessorize your outfit and it makes sense for H&M as a company that provides affordable, high-quality fashions for women, men, and children to also offer merchandise for dogs," said Jennifer Ugialoro, public relations manager for H&M.

The most recent addition to H&M's offerings features items tailored for small to medium-sized dogs. Male

dogs will be stylish in sporty pieces such as hooded sweatshirts and retro nylon jackets with checkered lining. For females, the line complements the Spring 2004 women's collection with polka dot jumpers and polka dot-lined raincoats. Accessories include leashes, studded collars, and 50's-inspired carrying bags in red and black with white polka dots. Items range in price from \$5.90 to \$14.90 and are available at H&M stores in Chicago at 840 Michigan Avenue (312.640.0060) and in New York City at 640 Fifth Avenue/51st Street (212.489.0390), Soho/515 Broadway (212.965.8975) and Herald Square/1328 Broadway (646.473.1165).

H&M is Europe's leading fashion retailer offering fashion and quality at the best price for women, men, children as well as a line of maternity and plus-size clothing. Marketing its own brand of clothing with a team of 95 in-house designers, H&M stores receives daily deliveries of new fashion styles and sells more than 500 million garments a year. H&M

opened its first store in Sweden in 1947 and expanded with the first U.S. store on Fifth Avenue in New York City in 2000. Today, H&M has 66 U.S. stores and globally more than 900 stores in 18 countries. H&M has 39,000 employees all working to the same philosophy: to provide fashion and quality at the best price. To visit H&M's web site please go to <<http://www.hm.com>>. There you can also download press pictures.



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Green Hills Public Library invites you to find out what you need to know about your next job interview and how to land that job February 11 at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact the Reference Department at 708-598-8446. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

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A brief History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day began during the Roman Empire, when Emperor Claudius II cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.

A Christian priest named Valentine defied the emperor's orders. As a result, he was imprisoned and remained in prison until his death on Feb. 14, 270.

A few hundred years later, the Church wanted to do away with pagan holidays and Valentine's Day came to replace a mid-February fertility festival called Lupercalia. The original festival observed on Feb. 15 honored Lupercus, a deity who kept wild wolves away from Rome. One custom associated with Lupercalia was the practice of name-drawing.

On Lupercalia the names of young girls were written down on pieces of paper and put in jars, from which each young man would draw. The girl each young man drew would be his "girlfriend" for the year. This may be the origin of Valentine's Day cards.

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Will County Senior Services and The Timbers of Shorewood invite Chicagoland seniors to a Valentine's Day Dance from 1 - 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at The Timbers, 1100 N. River Road, Shorewood. This fun-filled afternoon of dancing featuring the live music of Jay Mau and his orchestra, whose musicians are all senior citizens. In addition, there will be a raffle, door prizes and refreshments.

"We have a beautiful ballroom on the lower level," said Bridget Osswald, Social Director of The Timbers, "and our intention is to fill it with couples and singles who love to dance or simply enjoy the music."

The Timbers of Shorewood is a rental retirement community that provides independent and assisted living apartments and a full schedule of activities and services. Residents, whose needs may change, are able to stay in the same place and receive appropriate care.

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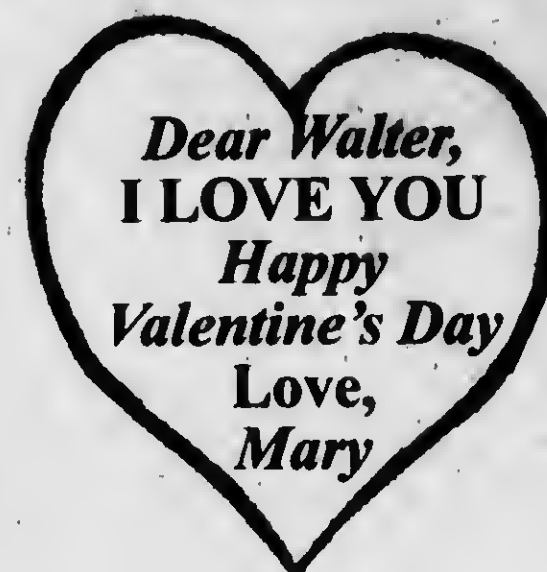
On Saturday, February 14th, a Valentine's Dance and Bingo Party will be held from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and there is a special family price for \$12.

Musie will be from the Big Band era to the present. Line dancing is welcome. Pizza, snacks and pop will be served. Desserts may be donated for the table.

There will be door prizes, a raffle and bingo. If you have chips, bring them.

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Willowbrook Ballroom holds romantic Valentine's Day Dance

Willowbrook Ballroom is planning an enchanted evening of dining and dancing at its annual Valentine's Day event, on Saturday, Feb. 14. The evening includes dinner, dancing and romantic live music from the Teddy Lee Orchestra.

Two romantic packages are offered. The dinner and dancing includes dining in the Willowbrook Room or in the Bordeaux Room. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner choices are sautéed chicken breast served with champagne sauce, baked orange roughly served with a herb lemon butter or filet tip kabobs. All dinners include a gourmet salad topped with a homemade peppercorn ranch dressing, parsleyed rice, fresh seasonal vegetable and dessert.

Following dinner at approximately 8:30 p.m., the Teddy Lee Orchestra takes the stage. The renowned orchestra, conducted by Mr. Amour himself - Teddy Lee, plays terrific ballroom music that will have everyone dancing the night away. The ballroom's 6,000-square-foot dance floor is a dancer's dream. The cost of the dinner and dancing package is \$45 per person (gratuity is extra).

A dancing only package is also offered that evening. Doors will open to the dance-only guests at 8 p.m. and the ballroom will stay open for dancing until midnight. The cost is \$15 per person.

The registration deadline for the dinner/dance is Friday, Feb. 6, and pre-paid reservations are required. Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, so don't delay. For more information, call (708) 839-1000.



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Valentine's day is for romantics

Valentine's Day was named for two early Christian martyrs whose common feast day was Feb. 14. Medieval folk tradition said that the spring mating of birds took place on Feb. 14. This led to a later custom of choosing a valentine, or sweetheart, for the day by a random drawing. Messages of affection were passed between these randomly chosen "lovers" which were the early version of our Valentine cards. Following is a recipe for Lemon Hearts that might be a nice tribute for someone special on Feb. 14.

Lemon Hearts

1 cup or 2 sticks unsalted butter softened
1 cup sugar
2 tsp. grated lemon zest
1/2 tsp baking soda
Lemon butter
1 tsp grated lemon zest
1/2 stick unsalted butter at room temperature
powdered sugar for cookie dusting

1 large egg yolk
2 cups flour
1/2 cup ground almonds
3 tbs lemon juice
3/4 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cover 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Use mixer to cream butter and sugar together until smooth. Add egg yolk and lemon zest and beat until light and lemon colored. In separate bowl stir flour and baking soda and almonds together; add to butter mixture and stir smooth. Turn out onto lightly floured surface and roll out to 1/8-inch thickness. Use heart-shaped cookie cutter and cut out cookies and place 2 inches apart on baking sheets. Bake for 20 minutes or until brown on edges. Remove from pans and cool.

To make lemon butter whisk lemon juice and zest with sugar in pan. Heat to boiling, stirring all the while over low heat. Cool to room temperature. Beat in butter until mixture is smooth and creamy. Sandwich two heart cookies together with lemon butter. Dust with powdered sugar. A nice touch would be to present the cookies in a red heart-shaped box to someone you consider special.



Special Valentine dinner for two

Make Valentine's Day extra special by serving that special someone a memorable meal at home.

Dining at home can be relaxed and leisurely. Try a meal for two with two starring, lean, tender veal chops. Top purchased garlic toasts with a dab of goat cheese and olive tapenade add-

ing a sparkling wine makes the meal. A salad with mixed, bagged greens tossed with seasoned walnuts or almonds are readily available at your grocery store.

Veal chops with tomato-pepper relish is dazzling to the eye and the palate. The relish can be assembled in advance and then cooked at the same time the chops are being pan broiled.

Accompany the veal chops with prepared polenta cut into rounds and then broiled until lightly browned and crisp. Veal chops are simple to cook. First, heat the skillet, then add the chops and cook, turning only once. To test for doneness cut a small slit near the bone and check the color. At medium the veal will be slightly pink.

Veal Chops With Tomato-Pepper Relish for Two

2 veal rib or loin chops cut one-inch thick
1 1/2 tsp olive oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
3/4 cup canned Italian-style diced tomatoes, undrained
1/3 cup jarred roasted red peppers, rinsed, drained and chopped
1/8 tsp crushed red pepper
1 1/2 tsp balsamic vinegar
salt to taste

Heat oil in saucepan over medium heat until hot. Add garlic and cook and stir for 2 minutes. Stir in Tomatoes, peppers and crushed red pepper.

Simmer 12 to 15 minutes until thickened. Meanwhile, heat large non-stick pan until hot. Place chops in skillet. Cook 12 to 14 minutes, turning once. Season with salt. Stir in vinegar to relish. Serve with veal.

caption: Impress your Valentine with a special meal starring veal chops with tomato-pepper relish.

Cut-out cookies can be decorated for the holiday

Sugar-cookie cut-outs

1 cup soft butter
1 egg
purpose flour
1 tbs vanilla
Frosting
sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup sugar
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tbs orange juice
1 tsp baking powder
3 cups powdered sugar
1/3 cup soft butter
1 to 2 tbs milk

Mix 1 cup butter, sugar egg. Beat until creamy. Add remaining ingredients and beat well about 1 minute. Divide dough into thirds and wrap in plastic wrap. Chill in frig for 2 hours. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Roll out dough on lightly floured surface, 1/3 at a time to 1/8-inch thick. Cut with 2-inch cookie cutters and place 1 inch apart on cookie sheet. Bake for 6 to 10 minutes until lightly browned. Cool 1 minute before removing from cookie sheet. Spread with frosting when completely cool and decorate with red hearts for Valentine's Day. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

Your Valentine deserves a meal out

There are times that the excitement of dining in Chicago's Loop outweighs a meal in the suburbs. For instance, Valentine's Day, calls for that extra effort and imagination in finding a great place to eat.

Carmichael's Chicago Steak House at 1052 W. Monroe promises a memorable experience. The wood decor and expansive dining area reminds one of the old days of Chicago history. Steak lovers will walk away satisfied with such entrees as Kerrygold garlic and herb filet or a certified Angus chop steak.

On Feb. 29 a Leap Year menu will be served complimentary to anyone celebrating his or her birthday on Feb. 29. Just bring proof with your age.

Besides steaks the menu has specials like rock shrimp dejonghe or a blackened Ahi tuna.

Carmichael's reflects a 1930 type of restaurant and in warm weather, a great view of Chicago's skyline in the courtyard dining area. Executive chef is Nick Zarzecki.

Treats from the Heart

by Anita Anderson

He offers Village View readers his recipe for creamed spinach.

The dish is made each day at Carmichael's with 20 pounds of fresh spinach. He's leveled off his dish to serve 4.

Creamed Spinach

6 oz. sliced and diced bacon
1 tbs chopped garlic
8 oz chopped onion
2 tsp salt
1 1/2 cup milk
1 lb frozen chopped spinach
3 ounces butter
6 oz. chopped scallion
1 tbs black pepper
3 oz. flour
3/4 cup half and half
1/2 tsp nutmeg

Thaw spinach and squeeze out all excess water. Cook bacon until browned. Add garlic and cook 1 minute. Add onions, salt, pepper and butter. Cook until onions are translucent. Add flour and stir until creamy. Lower heat and cook five more minutes, stirring. Add milk, half and half bringing to a boil stirring with a wire whisk. Add spinach and simmer ten minutes on low. Add seasonings with more salt, pepper or nutmeg, if needed.

You can expect to pay from \$7.95 to \$32.95 for a meal. Dress is casual. Valet and street parking. For reservations, although not necessary, always, call 312-433-0025.

All steaks come with a choice of crusts, bleu cheese, peppercorn, Alforno, Dubliner or garlic herb butter. Private rooms area available for parties up to 80 people.

Carmichael's is owned by a group of Chicago investors including Melvin J. Bechina and Robert I. Schwartz.

On a lighter dining note lighter fare is available including salads and appetizers including homemade grilled flatbread or Buffalo Chicken Spring Rolls.

Cooking class offered

On Saturday, Feb. 7 South Water Kitchen's executive chef, Ricky Moore, will host his first seasonal cooking class at 225 N. Wabash Ave. at 2 p.m. At this class tips on how to handle and store seafood, section fruits, blanch veggies and much more will be explored. Call 312-236-9300. Classes are limited to 15. Cost is \$45 per person.

"Food Glorious Food"

By Marijo Doody

Broadway in Chicago and Networks present Cameron Mackintosh's new production of Linoel Bart's Oliver at the Cadillac Palace Theater. All of us know the Charles Dickens' great characters Oliver Twist, Fagin and The Artful Dodger from the adaptation of the Dickens' novel Oliver Twist.

The musical will run from January 28 through February 8, 2004. This production was glorious with all the music familiar to theatergoers. From the headline song to Where is Love, I'd Do Anything and As Long as He Needs Me it was spellbinding.

Mark McCrackin as Fagin, Renata Wilson as Nancy, Justin Pereira as Oliver are superb.

Oliver was an instant hit in its debut in London and after it transferred to Broadway at the time it was the longest running British musical.

Tickets for Oliver range in price from \$22 to \$72 and are available at all Broadway in Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe, 24 W. Randolph and 151 W. Randolph), by calling the BIC ticket line at 312-902-1400 and at ticket master.

Amusements & Theater

by Marijo Doody



Dancer: The Company dances "counter/part" by Jim Vincent Photo by: Todd Rosenberg

Chicago Symphony brings dance to Orchestra Hall

In late January two worlds were merged. The city with two world-class dance companies, The Joffrey and The Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, in the artistic venue are second-class to the Chicago

Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and the Lyric Opera of Chicago. As previously noted the Joffrey Ballet now performs with live music supplied by the Chicago Sinfonietta (VVN 12/16/03).

In the Chicago Symphony pre-conversation with Jim Vincent, Artistic Director of the Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, it was noted this was the first endeavor with live music for a performance. During the conversation it was indicated the conductor, Pinchas Zukerman, worked not only with the members of the chamber orchestra but with the dancers.

During some of the sections of music the conductor takes cues from the dancer.

In the program notes by Philip Huscher, it is indicated the music and dance pairing is a natural and happy one for as long as there has been music—a rhythm to move feet and a melody to lift spirit. The choreography by the Hubbard Street's Jim Vincent, breathes new life into music by the greatest dance composer J.S. Bach. Bach was the first great composer to elevate the popular dance music of the 17th century.

Accompanying the dancers, to get the live music, with the stellar CSO members under Zukerman, does not get any better. Perhaps in the Hubbard spring programs at the new Harris Theater for Music and Dance, added audience will be present.

Chicago Sun Times critic Hedy Weiss, asked the question, "how well did the CSO program serve the art?" The answer was a mixed bag. In the music review it was stated the musicians were as vital to the performance's impact as the dancers.

Jim Vincent's choreography caught the passion and splashy drama in Bach's music. Zukerman and the CSO Chamber Ensemble played five excerpts from Bach

works seated on risers toward the back of the stage. Dancers were in the semi-circular stage front that seemed to be short on dancing room. At one part in the dance a woman seemed to be lifted not only by the male partners, but also by the music in the Third Brandenburg Allegro.

Zukerman's viola solo accompanied the red-shirted figure of Eros danced by Jamy Mcek was exquisite in all forms. Dancers at times seemed cramped. The viewer could foretell a marriage in the two art forms.

The music in counter/part by Bach opened with the Allegro movement from Brandenburg Concerto #3 in G major BWV1048. It was followed by solo viola from the E-flat major Unaccompanied Cello Suite BWV1010 arranged for viola performed by Zukerman.

Next was Part 2 Adagio from Brandenburg Concerto #1 in F major BWV1046.



and the dance. It gave us a new perspective to discover new things and see them in a new light.

The concert viewer can foretell a great union in the two art forms. This is a classy partnership and with talk of future collaborations at the pre-talk, it can go on. Bravo! As the Hubbard Street program bulletin stated, "sharp, sexy, splashy and surprises amazes in Spring 04."

After intermission the chamber CSO played Hayden's Symphony No. 22 and the program ended with Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 which was full of vim and vigor. The exuberant spirit of the ballet was in the crisp brisk pace of the Beethoven. The audience contained several hundred middle-school students and in conversations with several the reception was well received. The got to see and hear the best Chicago has to offer. Bravo.

Center East Theater News

Center East the resident performing arts center in Skokie will bring the Kingston Trio folk music on Feb. 20 at 8pm. The group tends to grow in popularity after more than 40 years after it was founded. They were popular in the late 50's and 60's and enjoyed unprecedented records. Remember when there were no tapes and CD's?

Center East was founded in 1979 and is located at 9501 Skokie Blvd. Tickets are \$42 and free parking is available. The box office number is 847-673-6300.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago brings a special Valentine Day program on Sunday Feb 14 at 8pm.

The program features a sneak preview of "Diphthong", "Cor Perdut" and "The 40's".

Hubbard Street is coming off a very successful program with the Chicago Symphony.

Grammy nominated jazz artist Kurt Elling and the Laurence Hobgood Trio brings their music to the Center East on Feb. 13 at 8pm. Elling has become one of the Blue Note label's most char-

ismatic new stars and Down Beat named him Male Vocalist of the Year.

Illinois Philharmonic in Park Forest

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra two Valentine Pops concerts in a serenade to motion picture composers such as Mancini, John Williams and Max Steiner. Macastro Carmon DeLeone will lead

75 musicians on Feb 7 and Feb 8. The Feb 7 program is at 8pm at the Center for performing Arts,

Governors State University. The Feb 8 program at 3pm is at the Fine Arts Center at Lincoln-Way in New Lenox at Central High School located 1801 E. Lincoln Highway. All seats are reserved. Tickets are available by calling 708-481-7774.

The Valentine Pops Program reads like Who's Who of Hollywood and includes blockbuster favorites such as Days of Wine and Roses, Pink Panther, Tara's Theme, and the Godfather.

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Guest can participate in both a live and silent auction, bidding on a diverse range of items and services.

Pompeii Bakery will cater the sumptuous foods. There will be a cash bar. The grand raffle is a 2004 Pontiac Vibe and tickets are \$100 each with only 750 available. BAC was founded in 1967 and provides a multidisciplinary programming that encompasses performing arts, education programs, film and visual art exhibitions. The theater seats 400. Beverly Arts is located at 2407 W. 111th street Chicago. Box office phone is 773-445-3838 and web site is www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Beverly Arts updated programs are as follows:

Minianka African Dance and Drum Ensemble on Feb. 7 at 7pm, A Special Valentine Day Event-Bobbi Wilsyn a jazz musician, (Feb 14 at 8pm). The Chicago's Paulist Choir and The University of Notre Dame Glee Club performs on Feb. 15 at 4pm (tickets are \$10). BAC High School Jazz Band Competition is Feb 22 from 12 to 6pm. Entry fee is \$50. A blues concert with Gloria Shannon will be Feb. 27 at 8pm.

BAC film series on Wednesday's are Shattered Glass (4th), The Killing (11th), My Life Without Me (18th) and Autumn Spring (25th). Consult box office information above.

Chicago Area Pets Find Homes Via the Internet

Homeless pets in the area stand a greater chance of being adopted since 16 more Chicago area animal welfare organizations have joined Petfinder.com, the oldest and largest online database of homeless pets.

"Once a pet's photo and description are added to our database, its chances of being adopted go up substantially," says Betsy Saul, president and co-founder of Petfinder.com. "No longer does a pet have to wait for an adoption day event or for someone to walk in the door at the shelter. Its information is out there for potential adopters to see from the comfort of their own homes on their own time schedule." More than 6,000 animal welfare organizations nationwide and in Canada post their pets on Petfinder.com. Once visitors to the site find a pet they are interested in, they contact the shelter where it is housed. Each animal welfare group has its own policies and handles its own adoptions.

Petfinder.com was created in early 1996 as a grassroots project by Jared and Betsy Saul to do something to help homeless pets. The animal welfare community immediately recognized the Web site's benefits for pets, and by 1998 the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has signed on as a strong supporter, helping with shelter outreach and educational materials for the site.

Purina is the Web site's premier sponsor. Other exclusive sponsors are BISSELL HomeCare, Inc., a manufacturer of home cleaning and floor care products, PETCO, a national pet supply retailer that sponsors in-store adoptions and provides coupon books for new adopters, and Merial, maker of the number one veterinary-recommended flea and tick preventative FRONTLINE®, and heartworm preventative HEARTGARD®.

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Symphony II

Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra celebrate Valentine's Day with two dance parties at South Shore Cultural Center on Feb. 14 in the elegant Paul Robeson Theater located at 7059 South Shore Drive in Chicago. The dance parties are at 7:30 and 10:30pm. Music featured is Ellington, Goodman and Basie giving Chicagoans a rare opportunity to dance in an intimate and romantic setting. Tickets are \$50 per person. Calling phone charge at 312-294-3000 may purchase party tickets and parking passes.

World-renowned mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli performs Wednesday Feb. 18 at 8pm.

She will be singing some of her favorite baroque arias. She will greet fans and sign CD's after the program at the Symphony Store 200 S. Michigan. Tickets are \$44-\$110. They can be purchased at Phone Charge cited above or at Symphony Center box office.

The Chicago Symphony Chorus will hold auditions for the 2004-2005 season. Deadline for appointments is March 3. Auditions are by appointment only. Call 312-294-3430 or visit the web at www.cso.org.



Love your pets

The Orphans

By Judi Giglio

They roam the streets late at night,
Hoping and praying that someone will help their plight.
Their hair is dirty, their feet are worn.
Upon their backs lie the marks of winter's scorn.

They wonder how they got that way.
No one seem to know 'til this very day.
Their colors are black & grey & white,
And what coat is left is dull on sight.

Their eyes are sad and filled with shame,
And it's luster is gone-Who is to blame?
A crust of bread, a can of food,
Would help their hungry mood.

They often wish they were never born,
For they are the orphans of the storm.

Every year millions of dogs and cats are euthanized because there just aren't enough homes for them. If every family took one pet, what a wonderful world this would be.

There are many fine organizations that adopt out pets. Your local animal shelter and PAWS are two of them.

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Cats and dogs make wonderful pets. There's a reason they're called man's best friend. They're loving, kind, affectionate, protective, and even funny!

Health officials have stated that owning a pet can reduce blood pressure and improve overall health.

So won't you open your heart and your home to adopt a pet? The life you save may be your own.



(L-R): Barbara Wiersma from Paws, Anthony Prater, Leslie Bonk (Paws), Michele Martin, Toyin Rotibi, Nakesha Keys (back), Oluwale Idowu

Hillcrest Spanish - French Clubs Donate to Paws

Members of Hillcrest High School's Spanish and French Clubs, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Susan Gertz, made a monetary donation recently to the Tinley Park Paws organization. In response to the donation representatives from Paws visited a club meeting to thank the students.

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Creative Valentines You'll Love

If Valentine's Day has a special place in your heart, you should love the fun activity ideas on a site filled with tons of unique Valentine's Day gifts for loved ones and classroom pals.

FamilyFun.com offers Activity Fun Packs, with 10 easy printable cards and envelopes for the classroom, plus printable jokes to put in the kids' lunch boxes. (What

did one light bulb say to the other one? I love you watts!)
For parents, making valentines with your kids is as sweet as it gets. Here are a few you might like to try:

CUPID'S ARROW

Armed with a candy heart and cinnamon gum, this arrow is guaranteed to hit its mark every time.
What You'll Need:
Six-inch wooden skewer
Pack of gum
Gumdrop heart
Glue
Tissue paper

Step 1: Simply stick a six-

inch wooden skewer through a pack of gum lengthwise and stab one end with a gumdrop heart.
Step 2: Finish it by gluing tissue paper strips to the end to create a feathery effect to form the tail end of the arrow.



CANDY NECKLACE

Present this necklace to a sweetie to wear with pride before, presumably, it gets eaten.
Step 1: Begin by laying out three feet of plastic wrap, cutting it in half lengthwise. Place candies or groups of candies every three inches.

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Step 3: Tie the two ends of the plastic wrap together and cover the knot with another ribbon.
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Street safety, standards hot topics in Orland

By David Vognar

Just as with most suburban Chicago towns these days, you can always count on a few certainties about Orland Park: shopping, golf and, of course, subdivisions. Although Orland boasts quite a bit more features than your average town of 50,000 plus, suburban living here is still replete with the same bucolic gated communities that have captured the ire of countless modern architects—and the hearts of middle class Americans—since their inception.

The most common complaint against subdivisions is that their cookie-cutter designs and their warren-like streets make it hard to navigate through subdivisions back onto main city thoroughfares. Such complaints are well founded. In most cases, subdivisions are permitted to designate their roads as "private drives", freeing developers of the responsibility of being sure that their roads completely meet village public street codes. This can save developers a lot of time and money. It's also why the Scenic View Estates and Oak Manors of this world are allowed to have streets that curve more than a Mark Buehrle off-speed pitch.

But here's the rub: When roads within or leading into subdivisions take on a rising amount of traffic, such non-conformity with village standards begins to pose a problem. And that problem was discussed in detail at the Monday, January 19, 2004 Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting.

These issues began to coalesce upon the consideration of a request filed by

Chersterfield Townhomes, Townes of Orland Woods and Wedgewood Glens Townhomes to designate their private drives as public streets. However, this is just an example of the current trend of developers seeking "public street" dedications, which frees developers of most of the onus of maintenance costs and other differential tax rates.

Questions were raised, though, by Trustee Patricia Gira as to the current status of the winding private drives located in the developments. Private roads, said Gira, should meet codes.

Her fellow trustees James Dodge and Brad O'Halloran agreed, stressing the importance of village streets having the continuity the board has come to expect and the safety citizens depend on.

Citing traffic concerns involved when through-streets and private drives connect, Trustee James Dodge said, "We have got to stop this at one end."

A similar safety-cum-traffic issue arose later in the meeting when the board approved for the developers of Collete Highlands, the company creating the new Metra Triangle downtown center, to begin what Village Manager RJ Zeder described as the "underground work" of building a main North-South road from 159th to the Metra station, on its West side. Trustee Ed Schussler wanted to be sure that the road will handle "heavier traffic for a longer period of time." Zeder promised to consult the firm and be sure its designs jibe with new village standards.

With designers still seeking

ing a higher density in their projects and closer setbacks, the problem of non-conforming roads is sure to be a lingering problem. As for the three developers pushing for reconsideration, the board tabled the request until a further date.

But, with Zeder and the planning committee staff looking for clarifications on current codes, the village should have a good handle on this multi-faceted and touchy issue in the future.

Oak Forest Releases Crime Data

By David Vognar

At its Tuesday, January 27, 2004 meeting, the Oak Forest City Council released new crime statistics figures for the last third of 2003. The data, which was recorded over a period from September to December, reveals interesting information about both the city's wards and its own crime trends.

Tuesday night's crime statistics were analyzed in part because of the increased presence of the Neighborhood Watch program throughout Oak Forest. The program, heralded by both Park District officials and the majority of the City Council, has established neighborhood committees designated for looking out for suspicious looking activity.

Overall, the four month period saw a total of 616 crimes take place. Eighty-six of those crimes were burglaries, 139 were thefts, 85 were assaults or batteries, 104 were incidents of criminal damage to property, and 143 of the incidents were criminal damages to vehicles. Fifty-one incidents of crime occurred because citizens' left their doors open or unlocked.

More interesting was the fact that, of the total crimes that took place up to December 31st, the 7th ward was responsible for only 35 of them. Represented by Alderman Paul Wechet, the 7th

ward, which itself does not have a neighborhood watch program set in place, saw the lowest amount of crime. A mere 7 burglaries took place there, as well as 5 thefts and a total of 19 criminal damage violation cases. The ward experienced no assaults or battery charges.

On the other side of the spectrum was the 3rd ward, which accounted for the highest percentage of the city's crime. The third ward saw five times as much crime as the city's safest ward, the 7th. Comprising its 179 cases of crime were 31 cases of burglary, 40 cases of theft, 32 cases of battery, 24 incidents of criminal damage to property, 44 criminal damage to vehicle incidents and 8 open door crimes.

Despite the 3rd ward's problems, the findings did present good news for at least one of the city's aldermen. Alderman Chinino, for one, could not have been happier. His ward, the 1st, saw a dramatic decrease in crime and moved into second place on the ranking of safest wards. The first ward played host to only 68 total crimes and just 5 assaults or batteries.

The Christmas season also appeared to have a beneficial effect on the city's crime totals. In each ward, overall crime levels dropped off from November to December as the winter weather set in along with the holiday spirit. In the 1st ward, crime rates dropped from 17 incidents to 12; the troubled 3rd

ward's crime totals dropped by 10; the 4th ward had 2/3 less crime in December than in November; and the 6th ward saw a drop in 8 total crimes from its record one month before.

Overall, following the 7th and 1st wards, respectively, the wards with the next lowest percentage of crimes were the 6th, 5th, 4th 2nd and

the 3rd. Fieldcrest, a subdivision within the City of Oak Forest, accounted for 2.3% of the city's total crime. Located on Cicero Avenue, Fieldcrest saw no burglaries and just 1 theft, battery and open door crime. However, the subdivision did encounter 3 criminal damage to property cases and 8 criminal damage to vehicle charges.



Dr. Savka Mladenovich, Assistant Principal congratulates Oak Forest's HOBY Award winner Nicole Fortuna at the recent Winter Recognition Assembly.

Oak Forest H.S. recognizes student achievement

Oak Forest High School recently honored over 50 students and 10 athletic teams at the Winter Recognition Assembly. Some of the students honored were National Merit Commended students: Andrew Wu and Mary Zemaitis as well as HOBY Award winner, Nicole Fortuna. All Conference and All Area Athletes were recognized including Football Player of the year, quarterback, Don Larkin. The student body was entertained by the schools Jazz Band and the Harmoni Singers. Band Director, Mr. Matthew Kastor surprised the audience with his impression of the legendary singer, Frank Sinatra.

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the March 16, 2004 General Primary Election. "Two forms of identification are all you need - one with your name and current address such as a driver's license, library card, postmarked mail, etc.; the other with simply your name such as a credit card, ID, Jewel or Dominick's card, etc.," said Clerk Maher.

In addition to regular hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Clerk's Office will be open for voter registration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 31st, February 7th and February 14th. The Clerk's Office is located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

For more information, please call Clerk Maher's office at 708/403-6150.

Senior Citizens meet

Blake-Lamb Funeral Home will hold its Senior Citizens meeting on Tuesday, February 10th, 11:00 am at Bethany Union Church, 103rd & Wood St.

Senior Medicare patrol-how to recognize Medicare and Medicaid fraud will be discussed. All senior citizens are invited to attend.

Oak Forest hosts 'Beyond High School Expo'

Oak Forest High School will be hosting a "Beyond High School Expo" on February 27, 2004. Students will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with post-secondary education and training. Students will be allowed to meet with representatives from colleges, universities, community colleges, trade schools and the U.S. Armed Forces. The representatives will be answering questions about their respective schools or careers. Coordinating this year's expo are Mrs. Kelly Henry, Mr. Phil Klaco and Mr. Neil Nunamaker. For more information contact Mrs. Henry at 687-0500.

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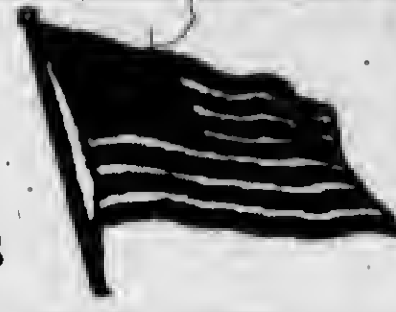
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Chicago Ridge vies for county money

By David Vognar

In 1516, the Renaissance English author Sir Thomas More wrote Utopia, a detailed envisioning of his perfect world. Though More was criticizing his own corrupt society, and had part of his tongue firmly planted in his cheek, he was also dabbling in a bold philosophy. He trumpeted idealism and the redeeming qualities of man; he saw in humans the dust of the divine. Unfortunately, More was beheaded in 1535.

But the desire to improve society, More's aim in Utopia, still lives on today. From Paris to Tokyo, governments—the good ones, at least—constantly try to improve the lives of their citizens. And the great global pattern even eddies up in Small Town, U.S.A., as it did during the January 20 meeting of the Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees.

Rudy Vissir, a block grant expert, was on hand to discuss with Village President Eugene L. Siegel how the village could best spend promised Cook County money to improve the village.

The money, from Cook's Community Development Block Grant program, is designated to help improve cities' blighted areas. Under county stipulations, the money can be used towards anything from housing rehabilitation to capital improvements. It is commonly used to improve public services like senior centers.

Villages qualifying for the county money can put their funds to use for community rehabilitation projects, economic improvements or imminent domain transactions, as well.

To qualify, villages must

show a need to eliminate blighted areas within their communities. More to the point, there must be a 42% concentration of low- to moderate- income levels within these blighted areas.

Chicago Ridge has been accepting Cook County money since 1976, and has so far received over \$4 million in improvement money. However, the process has been steadily becoming more stringent. Nowadays, the money is both harder to accrue for the county and more difficult to be put to use by many villages.

In the past, Cook County's coffer has held as much as \$40 million for town projects; today, the county has only a little more than \$3 million for the 30 suburbs that compete for funds.

To further complicate things, county villages often find themselves swamped in demographic data, trying to sort out which parts of their communities meet the specified income bracket. Village consultants like Mr. Vissir then must spend time cross-checking their income-level statistics with the county, trying to discern if the 2000 Census matches county figures. Even Sir Thomas More would be confused.

But More would probably still appreciate the good the county is trying to do, because Chicago Ridge certainly does. With the new money, the village will be able to make a great deal of improvements to some of its areas that are in great need of tapering.

One of the village's initial improvement ideas was to add street lighting to 99th Street near Chicago Ridge Mall and the creek alongside

Ridgeland Avenue. Another idea, put forth by the Public Works, was to improve the cul-de-sac on 108th Street.

But before Chicago Ridge can set any plans in stone, Vissir has to make sure that

Chicago Ridge's target areas meet county standards. At the next hearing on the block grant funds, to be held February 3, he plans to present all of Chicago Ridge's eligible areas.

Worth Days Festival Commission having fund raising meeting

The New Worth Days Festival Commission is having a Fund-Raising Meeting on Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 P.M.. The meeting will be held at the Worth Public Library. The commission is seeking volunteers for upcoming fund-raising activities, volunteers for the festival and people willing to promote the Festival. NEW MEMBERS and NEW

IDEAS are always welcome! The Commission meets every fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 P.M. at the Worth Public Library. The next Committee of the Whole meeting is on February 24th. Volunteers are needed!

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Republican Township hosts meeting

By Carlene O'Connor

Republican Township Committeeman Anne Zickus hosted a meeting on Jan 25 for all Republican candidates and interested parties to hear State Senator Dan Rutherford speak about "Behind the scenes in Springfield Politics" and the importance of the Republican turnout in the upcoming election.

He served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1993 to 2003 and moved to the Illinois Senate last January. He is considered an enthusiastic, dynamic force in Illinois Republican politics. He spoke about several issues going on with the Illinois budget and how it will not serve the people the way

that it stands presently. He encouraged all to be aware of what is really going on. Rutherford said with the current plan by the governor, that if something is not done, "our kids could be paying for it".

Other candidates who spoke which are running for U.S. Senator were the campaign manger for Jim Oberweis, the campaign manger for Steven J. Rauschenberger, and Maureen Murphy and Liz Gorman who both gave presentations.

Anne Zickus would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Residents who are United States citizens, will celebrate their eighteenth birthday on or before March 16, 2004, have recently changed their name, were removed from the voter rolls or have never registered to vote, may register to vote in the March 16, 2004 General Primary Election. "Two forms of identification are all you need - one with your name and current address such as a driver's license, library card, post-marked mail, etc.; the other with simply your name such as a credit card, ID, Jewel or Dominick's card, etc.," said Clerk Maher.

In addition to regular hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, the Clerk's Office will be open for voter registration from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 31st, February 7th and February 14th. The Clerk's Office is located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

For more information, please call Clerk Maher's office at 708/403-6150.

Oak Forest hosts "Beyond High School Expo"

Oak Forest High School will be hosting a "Beyond High School Expo" on February 27, 2004. Students will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with post-secondary education and training. Students will be allowed to meet with representatives from colleges, universities, community colleges, trade schools and the U.S. Armed Forces. The representatives will be answering questions about their respective schools or careers. Coordinating this year's expo are Mrs. Kelly Henry, Mr. Phil Klaco and Mr. Neil Nunamaker. For more information contact Mrs. Henry at 687-0500.

Senior Citizens meet

Blake-Lamb Funeral Home will hold its Senior Citizens meeting on Tuesday, February 10th, 11:00 am at Bethany Union Church, 103rd & Wood St.

Senior Medicare patrol-how to recognize Medicare and Medicaid fraud will be discussed. All senior citizens are invited to attend.

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Oak Lawn approves ordinance amendments

By Matt Mayer

At the February 10th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved amendments to the following ordinances: A section of the Village code regarding the Planning and Development Commission. This amendment is in regards to requests for "construction necessitated variations" after the commencement of construction. A filing fee of \$500.00 shall accompany a "construction necessitated variation", or a filing fee of \$5,000.00 if the application relates to a second or further request for a "construction necessitated variation" within a 24-month period.

A section of the Village code in reference to proceeding with construction work without the necessary permits. This amendment doubles the application fee for any person, firm or corporation who fails to obtain a permit. If the permits are not obtained a second time within a 24 month period, the person, firm or corporation shall be required to obtain the such permits and shall be charged double the application fees during the 24 month following the second failure to obtain the necessary permits.

A section of the Village code in regards to board-up service contractors. This amendment increases the cost for a board beginning this year to a fee of \$107.00, increasing to \$140.00 in 2005, and increasing to \$161.00 in 2006 and subsequent years.

A section of the Village code in regards to the possession and consumption of alcoholic liquor by minors. This ordinance states that no person under 21 years of age

shall purchase, possess or consume any alcoholic liquor within the Village. It is unlawful for any parent or legal guardian to allow any person under the age of 21 to purchase, possess, receive or consume any alcoholic liquor on public or private property within the Village. However, the possession and dispensing of alcoholic liquor in the performance of a religious service or ceremony, or the consumption by a person under 21 years of age under the direct supervision and approval of the parent or parents of the minor in the privacy of the home, is not prohibited by this section.

The following requests were approved by the board - a parking variation at 4002 W. 111th St (Ranch Manor Shopping Center) and a building height and front yard set back variation at 5345 W. 99th St for Oak Lawn Hometown District #123.

A request to waive the formal bidding process due to the specific reliability of the vendor, based on past dealings and award a contract to Scot Decal Company for the 2004-2005 vehicle and vending license stickers in the amount of \$11,064.83 was approved. Also approved was a request to waive the formal bidding process and purchase the reverse 9-1-1 systems from Wide Area Rapid Notification in the amount of \$30,310.00.

The board approved a recommendation to enter into a lease agreement with T-Mobile for the use of the antenna site at 9727 S. Central Ave.

Village Clerk Jayne Powers reminded everyone that

the last day to register to vote in the March 16th primary is Tuesday February 17th. Any-

one who will be 18 years of age on or before the March 16th primary may register to

vote before the registration closes on February 17th. Anyone requesting an absen-

tee ballot may call the clerk's office at 499-7738. The next meeting is February 24th.

Evergreen Park requires state licenses for contractors

By Matt Mayer

The board briskly moved through the brief meeting of the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees on February 2nd. The board approved an ordinance amending a taxation and miscellaneous businesses regulation, by adding a section, requiring contractors to be licensed by the State of Illinois and the appropriate license must be produced prior to a permit being issued by the village.

The board approved the following business regula-

tion certificates for the Plaza: 2 Unik, Inc - retail sales of small electronics, novelties and toys, Cinna Kream - ice cream snacks and soft drinks, and Cupid Candies, Michele Mauro, Psy D at 3317 W. 95th Street, Suite 205 and Tax Cents - a seasonal tax preparation service for individual tax returns from January thought April 2004. A five-year agreement with SBC for enhanced 9-1-1 services was also approved.

It was announced that the tree-planting program has begun in the village. There

are brochures are available at the village hall. Three new trees have been added this year - the program now offers 21 varieties of tree.

It was also announced that if there were a tree that a resident would like that is not on the list, the landscaping company, which the village has contracted, would look into obtaining it. This program will run through March 25th.

The board awarded a contract to the lowest bidder, National Power Rodding, in the amount of \$18,806.70 for the televising of the concrete sanitary sewers. This is a technique in which a camera

can be fed through a sewer line for internal visual inspection of the line.

The two-day Family Flake Fest was held on Friday February 13th and Saturday February 14th at Yukich Field at 90th and Kedzie Ave.

OL Clergy Association holds service

On Sunday February 22, the Oak Lawn Clergy Association invites all Christians in the area to the annual Christian Unity Service, a celebration featuring worship leadership and preaching by several area clergy, musicians and music groups from area churches and a combined choir. The service is at 3pm at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave. Oak Lawn and is followed by a reception. For information contact Pastor Rev Peg McClanahan at 708-422-4200.



L to R: Jackie Lichter, Rick Allison (caller) and Dan Lichter. Also dancing Les Barrera (Cicero) and Alice Travník (Oak Lawn)

Square Dancers tie the knot

Jackie and Dan Lichter of Oak Lawn (recently married) are a new student and a new member of Swing'n Sugar Squares dance club. After a short honeymoon they continue to dance at the square dance classes held on Tues-

day evenings from 7:30 to 9:30pm.

Classes are held at EP Central Junior High School at 95th and Spaulding.

On Thursday, Swing'n Sugar Squares, sponsored by

Evergreen Park Recreational Department, hosts Plus Level square dances at Central from 7 to 9:30pm. Experienced square dancers are invited to attend. For more information and a schedule of events, call 708-444-7364.



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News about our local service personnel

Army Pfc. Mark A. Holzhauser has graduated from the network switching systems operator-maintainer advanced individual training course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga. The soldier was trained to install, initialize, operate, and perform unit level and direct

support maintenance on electronic switching assemblies, systems and ancillary communications equipment; use computers to perform system-network operations; interpret computer error codes to correct fault systems; perform unit level preventive maintenance checks and services on associated communications security devices; also, operate, install, troubleshoot and repair power generators and assigned vehicles.

Holzhauser is the son of Peggy and Robert Holzhauser of Iroquois Trace, Tinley Park, Ill.

Marine Corps Privates Mike T. Blough and Cesar I. Guerrero recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School at the base in Camp Lejeune, NC.

During the five-week course, Blough and Guerrero received instruction in the fundamentals of engineering support for combat units, including the procedures for building and repairing bridges, roads and field fortifications. In addition training was received on demolition concepts, land mine warfare and camouflage techniques.

Blough and Guerrero will accompany Marine infantry forces to build roads, set up camps and fortify living areas.

Blough is a 2003 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago and Guerrero graduated from Oak Lawn Community High School in 2003.

Mike Blough is the son of Judy and Michael T. Blough of Evergreen Park.

Marine Corps Privates Michael G. Haak, Michael D. Sima, and Ryan C. Phelan recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Haak, Sima and Phelan began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition they spend numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which include learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. The recruits perform close order drill and instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-honor, courage and commitment. The re-

cruits end the training program with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony where they are presented the Marine Corps Emblem.

Haak is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn High School and the son of Nancy Marek of Oak Lawn and George Haak of Batavia, Ill.

Phelan is a 2003 graduate of Lincoln-Way High School in Frankfort, Ill. He is the son of Mary Bonner of Chicago and Edward Phelan of Frankfort.

Michael D. Sima is a 2000 graduate of Oak Forest High School of Oak Forest and the son of Carrie Sekulich of Oak Forest and James P. Sima of Oak Lawn.

Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Ivan Passament, son of Salvador Passament of Chicago recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with battery B, 1st Battalion, 14th Marine, 4th Marine Division. Marine Corps Reserve Center, Joliet, Ill.

He was promoted based on sustained superior job performance in the designated specialty. Passament is a 1999 graduate of Bogan High School of Chicago and joined the Marine Reserve in August 2000.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian B. Fetting, son of Janet L. and Bernard J.

Fetting of Evergreen Park recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.

Fetting is a 1996 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School and joined the Navy in October 1998.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michelle N. King, daughter of Pamela M. and Donley L. King of Oak Lawn, Ill. Recently returned from an eight-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi

Freedom while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, homeport in San Diego.

King is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School and joined the Navy in February 2002. USS Nimitz was the first to deploy with the new F/A-18F Super Hornet and E-2C Hawkeye 2000 aircraft. USS Nimitz flew more than 6000 missions and used 125,000 pounds of ordinance in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Book review & introductions of Italian women from the past

Italian American Women's Club will be hosting a lecture on February 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Tinley Park Library. There are stories written by Italian American Women that they will share with the audience. The stories will be taken from the book which was written by 12 women about their heritage.

The book has been at all the major book stores since Aug. 2003 and can still be found on the shelves at all major book store. The book begins with three well known Italian women whose lives impacted our whole society. The book is written about women and their struggles to raise their families, and interweave their culture within their neighborhood and share their lives with others.

Joanne Zerkel, reporter for the Star, wrote "It is not just for Italians," but for women of every ethnic group who just love a good story." Robert Workman stated, "this book portrays the rich history of not just one cultural group, but of our community as a whole."

If you are attending and would like more information, please contact Nancy Connors at 708-532-0160.

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Attorney, Jeanne Marie Reynolds, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners (MWRDC) Barbara McGowan and Gloria Alito Majewski, along with Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene Moore will guest with TV host George O'Hare on a special CAN TV Senior Network Cable 19 TV show entitled "Celebrate Public Service". It will air Friday, March 5 at 5:00pm and again on Sunday, March 7 at noon.

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Kevin Trainer with Dale Blanchard at Chasing Liberty Premier Party

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The Chasing Liberty Premiere Party was held at the Wolfgang Puck Grand Cafe in Evanston. The event was attended by 250 people, raising \$8,000 for the Piven Training Center which serves children and adults and maintains various outreach programs throughout the city.

Garden club to meet

Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' February meeting on Thursday February 26th at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:30am. The program will be Ornamental Grasses, Wildflowers and Shrubs, presented by Patricia Armstrong in a slide program. Armstrong has taught at Morton Arboretum for 16 years and at various park districts. She has a masters degree in Botany and ecology from the University of Chicago. Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend the meeting as guests. For information call 708-424-4846.

Children's Clothing resale coming

Southwest Chicago Christian School will hold its annual Spring Summer Children's Clothing Resale

on Saturday February 28th from 9am to 12 noon in the Oak Lawn gym located at 5665 W. 101st Street. Toys and baby equipment will be sold along with gently used boy's clothing (infant to size 20) and girl's clothing (infant to size 16). Only adults will be permitted in the gym during the sale. All sales are cash only.

DAR hosts Youth Awards TEA

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting their annual Youth Awards Tea on February 21. The meeting will begin at 1:00pm in the Fireside Chapel at Trinity Christian College, 6601 West College Avenue, Palos Heights, IL.

Matthew O'Donnell of St. Laurence High School (HS) is the winner of the Chapter Good Citizens Award. Other award winners include Amanda Deckelman of Lemont Twp. HS, Fadia Afeneh, of Alan B. Shepard HS, Kathleen Famera, of Queen of Peace HS, Danielle Nowlan of Tinley Park HS and Richard Knoll of Argo Community HS.

American History Essay Winners are: Julie Friend (5th grade) Meadow Ridge School, Orland Park, Kaitlyn Kurowski (6th grade) Burbank and Danielle Hack (7th grade) Century Jr. High, Orland Park. For added information call 708-532-5617.

Trinity Evangelical presents Sunday concert

On Sunday February 29 at 5:00pm at Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski, Oak Lawn, IL. presents the "Brahams Trio". The trio consists of: Lisa von Pechmann on French horn who plays with the Lyric Opera, Barbara Farley on violin a freelance musician in the Chicago area and teaches at Wheaton College and Jean Erickson on piano and is the pianist and organist at Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church. The concert will contain classical and sacred music. A Free will offering will be taken.

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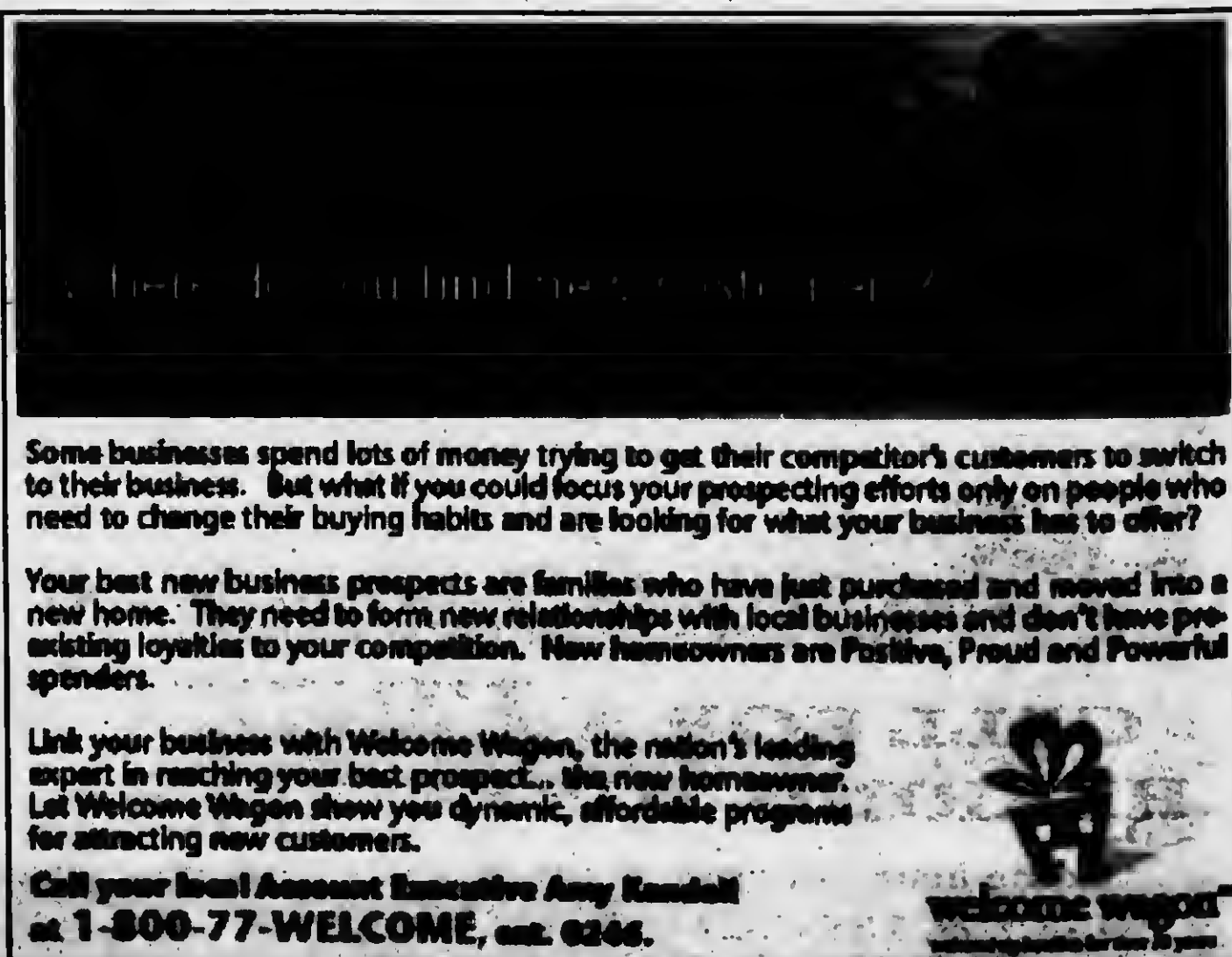
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Mental health community services educational seminar

The Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services will sponsor a Mental Health Community Services Educational Seminar on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

This educational seminar will be presented by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI - South Suburbs). Representatives from NAMI-South Suburbs, Grand Prairie Services, Metropolitan Family Services, Thresholds and Will County Health Department will give presentations and be available to answer questions.

The seminar is designed to increase awareness of the community services available concerning mental illnesses such as educational programs and support groups, outpatient counseling services, residential services, vocational training, crisis intervention and services and forensic mental health services.

For more information, contact the Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708-403-6188.

Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group will meet

Please note that due to a bank holiday on February 16th, the Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group will meet instead on the following Monday, February 23, at 1 p.m.

Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group (new time and location) - A free support group for individuals

battling lung disease, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, patients on oxygen or experiencing shortness of breath, will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Fifth Third Bank, 3101 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park. No registration required. Code: IC22

Free blood pressure screenings at The Timbers of Shorewood

The public is invited to participate in free blood pressure screenings at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Grand Ballroom at The Timbers of Shorewood, 1100 N. River Road,



Medical Information

Shorewood.

The screenings are performed by Rosewood Care Center and are offered on the second Wednesday of every month.

The Timbers of Shorewood is a rental retirement community which provides independent and assisted living apartments and a full schedule of activities and services. Residents, whose needs may change, are able to stay in the same place and receive appropriate care.

Appointments will be scheduled every ten minutes. To register, call The Timbers at (815) 609-0669.

Skin care tips for the winter months

Written by Dr. Peter Helton

As a board-certified dermatologist specializing in cosmetic dermatology, I've devoted my life to making people look better, feel better about themselves, and solving problem skin. But underlying outside beauty is health, particularly as it relates to skin. Taking proper care of your skin can do more to enhance your appearance than all the lotions and creams applied to cover up unhealthy skin. Proper care can even help you avoid the rashes and other diseases which necessitate an expensive visit to a dermatologist.

The winter months pose unique challenges. Constantly switching between dry indoor air and harsh cold and wind outdoors removes moisture from the skin. While creams and lotions replace some of that moisture, it is far better to take steps to prevent moisture loss in the first place.

1. The skin is the body's largest living organ. General health rules regarding nutrition, proper rest and exercise all contribute to the overall health of the skin.

There are special rules relating to healthy skin. Here are a few that are important during the colder months.

First, keep well hydrated. Continue to drink at least eight glasses of water a day. This keeps skin moisturized and flushes toxins out of your body.

Next, use sun block. Although skin is less exposed in winter, ultraviolet rays can be particularly intense on clear winter day. Even when cloudy, UV rays still penetrate. If you go skiing, UV exposure is even greater. Use a good sunscreen that blocks both types of ultraviolet radiation - UVA and UVB.

2. Keep out the chemicals. Your skin wasn't designed to deal with dish soap, bleach, hair coloring and thousands of other everyday chemicals. Even antibacterial soaps can rob oils and moisture from the skin, leaving it dry, cracked and irritated.

3. Use gentle cleansers on the face. The face is more deli-

cate than other parts of the body and deserves special treatment.

4. Get rid of dead skin. Most "dry skin" is actually skin that is ready to fall off. Exfoliation should be part of your regular routine. Use a washcloth when washing your face and then work up to something like a loofa if you can. Exfoliation helps moisturizers and other skin care products do a better job. By exfoliating your skin before you apply moisturizer, it isn't blocked by dead cells.

Using Your Body's Defenses

The skin is designed as a barrier between your internal organs and the outside world, so it is already very tough. But it wasn't built for the range of chemicals that we come in contact with today. It is well known that these chemicals are harmful if swallowed. Many are also bad for the skin.

For example, if you get bleach on your hands, it won't kill you, but it can affect your skin. Even if you wear gloves while cleaning, you certainly don't when washing your hands, reading the newspaper or the many other day-to-day activities that remove skin moisture. There are other parts of the body such as the feet, which become dry and rough. Even your elbows or the parts of the arms which touch the edge of your desk when working on the computer need help.

Moisturizers can replace what is lost, but they are not an ideal solution. To begin with, they don't prevent the absorption of chemicals into the skin. Then, there is the problem of the body's response to the moisturizers. When the body thinks it has enough of something, it cuts down production. For example, drinking caffeine raises the body's production of adrenaline, giving you more energy. Over time, however, the body compensates for caffeine by cutting down on adrenaline production. It gets to the point where people can't wake up in the morning until that first cup of coffee hits their bloodstream.

The same applies to moisturizers. Constant use makes the body think it has enough moisture and it cuts back on producing its own moisture.

This is where Gloves In A Bottle enters the picture. It is a moisturizer designed to bond with and protect the skin. It seals the skin to prevent the loss of your own natural moisture as well as providing additional moisture. Most skin products are simply oil or lanolin based and so they sit on top of the skin where they can wash right off when you clean your hands or do the dishes. Gloves In A Bottle, on the other hand, does not wash away since it is absorbed into the outer layer of skin. It acts as a protective barrier that keeps your own natural moisture while repelling outside chemicals. It is gentle and suitable for all skin types and is a great way to prevent many of the skin problems that wind up in visits to the doctor.

I would not advise using it for severe problems such as open wounds or skin that is so cracked it is bleeding. You should definitely see a physician in such cases. But after the application of the appropriate medication, Gloves In A Bottle can often improve the absorption and effectiveness of the medicine. Consult with your doctor and act accordingly.

Normal, daily activities can rob moisture from your skin, especially in winter. Follow the above tips and keep your skin soft and healthy.

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A novel idea for Leap Day

In less than a month something will happen that won't happen again for another four years. A day out of time. A day that celebrates time. Leap Day! Folklore about this day can be heard in all four corners of the globe. Now Wendy Mass, a New Jersey-based novelist, has added something new to this unique holiday: Leap Day (Little, Brown and Company, 2004), a novel for teenagers that explores what can happen when your birthday falls on February 29th.

In Leap Day, Mass created Josie Taylor, a fictional teenager who turns 16 on February 29. All the action in the book takes place within 24 hours. Every event becomes a group happening as it unfolds from different angles and points of view. Mass explains, "The reader gets to 'leap' in and out of characters' minds, and in the process, learns more about Josie than she knows about herself. We also realize that we are always affecting the lives of those around us—sometimes in surprising and life-altering ways." Mass, who is also the author of A Mango-Shaped Space (Little, Brown and Company, 2003), winner of the Schneider Family Book Award from the American Library Association, is currently available for interviews. You can see a multimedia presentation about her book by clicking on <http://www.authorbytes.com/leapday/>.

While living in Los Angeles, Wendy Mass was a script reader for a film producer, worked for a literary agent, a television casting company, and attended graduate school for creative writing. She moved back East and, while writing on the side, began a career in publishing as a book editor at various houses in New York City and Connecticut.

She co-founded a teenage literary journal and continued filling notebooks with story ideas. The opportunity presented itself for her to write nonfiction, and over the next six years Mass published ten books for teenagers on different educational topics.

She also wrote the story treatment for a recent episode of the hit detective show, Monk. A Mango-Shaped Space was her first novel for middle-graders, and Leap Day is for the teen audience. Mass holds a Doctor of Letters degree from Drew University. She lives in Sparta, NJ with her husband who teaches high school English.

LEAP DAY, By Wendy Mass, Pub Date: February 2004, Price: \$16.95, ISBN: 0-316-53728-4, Ages: 12 & up

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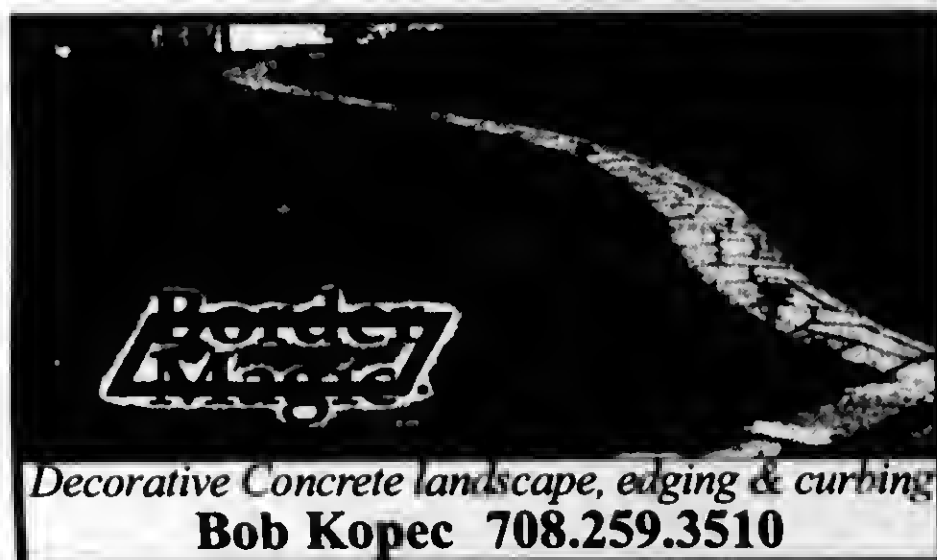
Robin Robinson, co-anchor of FOX News at 9 will deliver a keynote address at Moraine Valley Community College as part of the college's celebration of Black History Month.

Black History Month celebrated at MVCC

Moraine Valley celebrates Black History Month with art show, gospel singer Dana Divine and Keynote speaker Robin Robinson. The college hosted an art show. Bill-board charted-gospel singer Dana Divine performed and has enjoyed an extensive music and TV career in Chicago and has worked background for the likes of R. Kelly, Will Smith and many other artists. She has recorded over 13 single releases and has gold and platinum records.

To conclude the college's Black History festivities, Robin Robinson, co-anchor of "FOX News at 9" will deliver a keynote address on Feb. 23 at 1pm in the Moraine Rooms in the College Center. Robin Robinson, a native of Chicago joined FOX as co-anchor in 1987 and was a vital part in FOX Chicago news launch in August of that year. Robin Robinson and FOX have been recipient of numerous Emmys for outstanding performances, most notably the coverage of the Great Chicago Flood and the funeral of the late Cardinal Bernadine.

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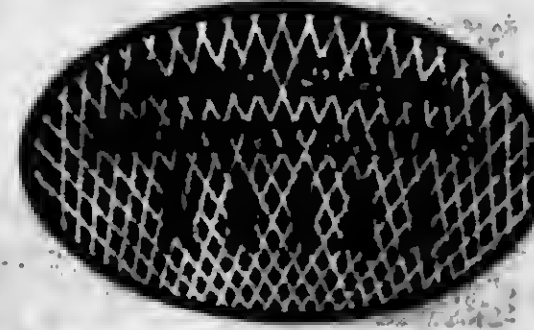
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By Judi Giglio

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is available for both Windows and Mac platforms and can be purchased at major retail stores or online at www.roxio.com.

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Making The Most Of Your Wedding Memories

When it comes to capturing once-in-a-lifetime wedding memories, more brides and grooms are saying "I do" to digital photography.

Research shows that the under \$1,000 digital camera market will nearly double in the next five years. Consequently, more people are also investing in photo software to complement these cameras.

For example, easier-to-use consumer imaging software, such as PhotoSuite 5 by

Roxio, sells for less than \$50, making it easy and affordable to store and share precious memories. Over the past five years, Roxio has won more than 75 industry awards because the software is feature-rich and user-friendly. PhotoSuite 5 Platinum Edition makes it easier for even the most novice user to organize, enhance, create, share and burn photos.

For example:

- Improve the quality of the image in one click. If your favorite wedding photo is off center, you can change the composition. If the bride and groom have red eye in that snapshot of slicing the cake, you can remove the red eye. If a picture is a little fuzzy, you can sharpen it.
- Create an electronic photo album online to share the wedding highlights with family and friends.
- Make the memories last a lifetime-you can easily burn the photos, slideshows, or collages onto CD or video CD to share or archive.
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Hot Honeymoon Spots

Honeymooners like it hot when planning their post-nuptial celebrations, that is. That's the word from a recent nationwide survey, which found that all 10 of the most popular honeymoon spots are located in warm-weather regions of the world.

The top 10 picks for honeymoon travel destinations are: 1. Hawaii, 2. Jamaica, 3. Cancun/Mexico, 4. Caribbean cruises, 5. St. Lucia, 6. Disney/Orlando, 7. Aruba, 8. Tahiti/Bora Bora, 9. Ber-

muda and 10. Las Vegas.

"These destinations are also perfect for couples who

are celebrating their anniversary, renewing their vows or just looking to make some magic together on a romantic getaway," said Anne Marie Powell-Moebes, chief marketing officer for Travelsavers, an international marketing organization for travel agents. "They're easy to get to from the U.S. and offer great value for vacation dollars spent."

For more information about exotic or unusual romance or honeymoon travel spots (maybe an over-the-water bungalow in Tahiti, a spa weekend on Fiji or a trek through the Amazonian rainforest in Peru), visit the Web site at www.travelsavers.com.

When choosing a honeymoon destination, most people opt for a hot spot.



Protecting Your Honeymoon

Most happy couples planning a honeymoon seem willing to invest significantly in the trip. In fact, honeymoons account for a \$7 billion-a-year industry, with newlyweds spending an average of \$3,719 on a honeymoon, according to Condé Nast Bridal Infobank.

"The honeymoon is the start of married life. The goal is to make the trip as magical as possible, and for many young people that means making their first foray into the world of luxury travel," explained Yolanda Crous, senior travel editor of BRIDE'S Magazine.

Couples should, however, be prepared for unforeseen circumstances that could hamper carefully made plans.

"I advise couples to buy travel insurance. Honeymoons are not only financial investments, they're emotional investments and the last thing you want is for the biggest trip of your lifetime to be postponed or taken away from you entirely," Crous emphasizes. "It's worth spending a little extra money to save yourselves the frustration further down the

road."

A leading travel insurance provider recommends that honeymooners carefully investigate travel insurance options to find one that meets their specific needs. "Travel insurance is a great value—about five to seven percent of the total cost of a trip. For such a relatively small investment, couples buy peace of mind in a very economical way," said Beth Godlin, senior vice president of Access America.

"Decide whether you want insurance that covers travel supplier bankruptcy, trip cancellation or interruption and delays due to missed connections or lost baggage," Godlin advises.

"Also, if you are traveling overseas, you may want to consider getting concierge and emergency assistance services."

Crous suggests couples use travel agents when planning their honeymoons, because, "if something problematic happens, they have help at their fingertips."

Travel agents can be a great, independent source of information and can recommend insurance that best suits each traveler's needs. When purchasing insurance, ask about coverage that provides protection for:

- ✶ Airline, tour, cruise or other supplier bankruptcy;
- ✶ Trip cancellation and interruption for other reasons;

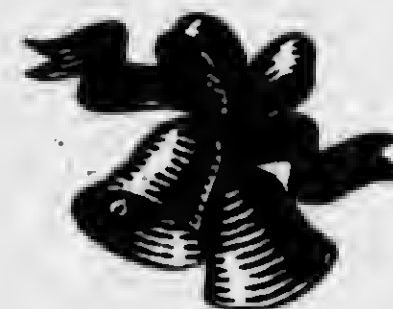
- ✶ Accidents before or during your honeymoon that might prevent traveling;

- ✶ Missed connections, travel or baggage delays; and

- ✶ Concierge and emergency assistance.

For more information on travel insurance, talk to your travel agent or visit www.accessamerica.com.

A happier honeymoon may start with investing in a little travel insurance before the wedding.



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Unique tips for your wedding day

- Use roses everywhere (or your favorite flower)! Consider having rose petals on the cake and sprinkle them on walkways and tables. Give your guests small bags or boxes filled with rose petals and have them toss them into the air after the ceremony.
- Instead of having the typical late night snack of meats and cheeses, try some unique alternatives. For example, set up an ice cream sundae bar or serve chow mein in Chinese take-out boxes with chopsticks.
- Having your wedding at your home? Consider using your shed as the bar! Or add a big canopy to the house for the bar.
- Think about kid's

items to use for your centerpieces. If you are having a beach theme, use kid's sand buckets and fill them up with sand toys or stuffed animal lobsters.

□ Having your wedding at your home? If you are not having it outside - move your furniture out! Rent some folding chairs to replace big couches to maximize the space within your home. Try decorating the chairs to your theme to

make them more appealing.

- If you are having an outdoor wedding at a local park or garden, check out the venue the year before so you know what to expect. Look for what types of flowers are in bloom and how busy the park is during this timeframe. If you view the venue during the fall and are holding a summer wedding you would be surprised at the difference!
- Fall is one of the best times

to decorate organically with the natural elements! Go for a nature walk to collect fallen items such as acorns, pinecones, sticks, branches etc. Just make sure you're not on private or protected land.

- Create outstanding centerpieces with pumpkins or gourds.
- Collect some leaves and using a permanent marker write your guest's name on it for place cards.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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WEDDING FAVORS— FOREVER KEEPSAKES

When it comes to weddings, most modern couples are opting for a more personal theme, rather than the standard traditional type.

The concept that—the more creative the better—makes for interesting party planning. Attention is being paid to each and every little detail and that includes the wedding favors. Favors are a forever keepsake of a couples' special day, a token of their originality. The following is a list of suggestions that may provide just the right favor for that perfect touch.

KEEPSAKE FAVORS

- 1) A love poem written by both of you, or just one that you love.
- 2) A pretty picture frame.
- 3) A letter of love and thanks from the two of you.
- 4) Engraved silver key chains.
- 5) Figurines (Precious Moments are popular)
- 6) Mini replicas—or picture postcards—of landmarks in the town where you marry.
- 7) music boxes.
- 8) A Polaroid shot of you and each guest as they arrive at the reception.

EDIBLE FAVORS.

- 1) Gourmet jelly beans.
- 2) Gourmet coffee beans in mugs
- 3) Mints with your married monogram on them.
- 4) Chocolate Kisses wrapped in tissue paper (in your wedding colors.)
- 5) Pineapples or coconuts (for a tropical wedding)

LIVING FAVORS.

- 1) Flower leis.
- 2) Aromatherapy candles.
- 3) Goldfish in pretty bowls (make sure they come with fish food!)
- 4) A single rose at each lace setting (in the color of your choice.)
- 5) Flower bulbs.

JUST FOR FUN

- 1) Toothbrushes with your names and the wedding date on them (especially if one of you is a dentist.)
- 2) Astrological readings (or mini scrolls) for each guest.
- 3) Pez dispensers—complete with the candy!
- 4) Decks of cards (having a Vegas wedding??)
- 5) Tiny stuffed animals
- 6) CD singles (maybe your wedding song, or something classic.)
- 7) Post-It notes in your wedding colors (everyone can use them.)
- 8) Shot glasses (personalized or just ones you like.)
- 9) Lottery tickets (give them a chance at good fortune.)
- 10) Personalized pens or pencils.

To each their own and on this special day may you favor unique ways to celebrate, in style.

* List of suggestions compiled from 'The Knot' magazine.

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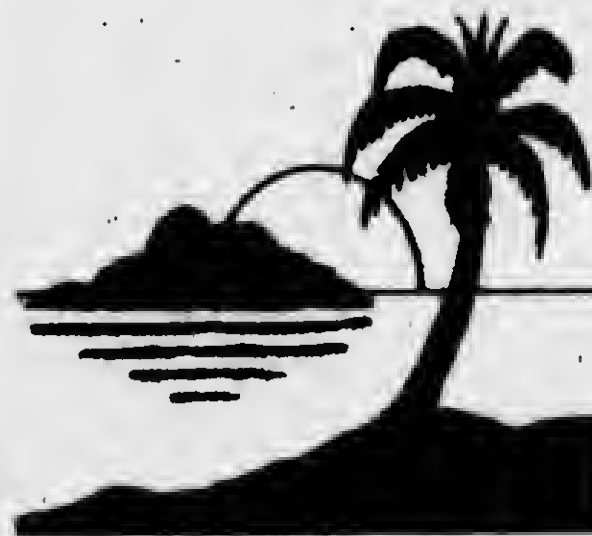
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Wedding photography in the 21st century

One reason couples focus so much energy on finding the right wedding photographer is that pictures are an excellent way to capture memories and can preserve the special day for generations to come.

There are many professional photographers to choose from, all with different styles and wedding photo packages-some of which take advantage of the latest photo technology.

Couples should look for a reputable, accredited photographer and choose one they have a good rapport with and who understands their vision for the day.

Invite the Internet to Your Wedding-Photos

Today's couples often plan many wedding details-from searching for a disc jockey and venue to picking out a bridal gown and tuxedos-using the Internet. It makes sense then that the

photographer they choose should have online photo options available to customers.

Traditionally, sharing wedding photographs with friends and family required couples to cart around the "proof book," or a stack of 30 to 60 small 3" x 5" books, depending on the number of pictures taken. This can be a hassle for the couple and their friends and family, especially those who live far away and can't easily view, let alone purchase, wedding photos.

Professional photographers now offer couples online photo options, such as Kodak ProShots, making it easier than ever for newlyweds and their photographer to view and select and crop images, allowing them to better manage the entire proofing process.

After the wedding, photos are uploaded to the Internet,

where the couple has the opportunity to review, customize and purchase photos immediately.

A link to the wedding photos can be shared with friends and family anywhere so they can view and purchase the pictures online anytime.

It's a convenient process that eliminates concerns over lost or damaged proof books.

"What worried me was the thought of carrying around the proof book to show everyone who attended my wedding and I certainly didn't want to mail it to people all over the country," said Michelle Love, a recent bride. "My husband and I are thankful that our ProShots photographer gave us the option of putting our photos online. It's made it easy to share the memories of our wedding with friends and family and for them to easily select and purchase photos that are special to them."

Besides sharing photos with family and friends, couples can relive their wedding and view the proofs while still on their honeymoon-from their hotel or an Internet cafe.

Technology Has Changed Weddings

Technology has changed the way couples plan and conduct their weddings, so keep this in mind when choosing a wedding photographer. Though a wedding only lasts a day, the pictures last a lifetime. The wedding photographer should mesh well with the couple and understand the style they want their pictures to reflect. It's just as important to select a photographer who includes the option for placing photos

online.

It's the easiest way for newlyweds to share their

special day with family and friends-no matter where they live. Couples may now be able

to view their wedding photos while on their honeymoon.

A 14 step program to the wedding of your dreams

By Kari White <http://www.UniqueThemeWeddings.com/>

I have come across many couples that want to incorporate a theme into their wedding but just can't decide or know what type of wedding they would like. Everyone wants their wedding to be unique, original, fun and a complete success. And yet, there are hundreds or thousands of ways you can customize your wedding day to be as you dreamed.

Here are 14 steps you need to go through to help you custom design your wedding day.

1) Where did the two of you meet? Was at a restaurant or work? Can you incorporate your meeting into your wedding?

2) Ask around! Do you or one of your friends know of a fantastic spot hidden away? You would be amazed at how many people you might find that could have a hidden cottage perfect for your wedding!

3) Do you have a favorite activity the two of you do together? Your activity can easily be incorporated into a theme wedding!

4) Remember when you were a child? Remember the things that you enjoyed and that consumed your days and nights? Write down all the things that you enjoyed as a child - ask your mate also. Which of these passions could you turn into your theme?

5) Think about the first dinner you had on your first date. What type of food was it? If it was a memorable occasion, you could design your wedding theme around that food such as Mexican or Indian.

6) What's your ultimate favorite food? If you were going to go out for a special dinner - what type of restaurant would it be? Steak and Lobster or Japanese?

7) If you were going to take a cooking course, what type of course would you like to enroll in?

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light focuses on Mexican Food, our Passage to Passion on Indian food and our Cosmo Clambake & Seashore Shindig focuses on Steak and Lobster combinations!

Here is a sample of the Themes that you can start using today: Cosmo Clambake Wedding, Cowboy Chic Wedding, Fluttering Fantasy Wedding, Glittering Gangster Wedding, Passage to Passion Wedding, Rise and Shine Wedding, Seashore Shindig Wedding, Sweet Pea Wedding, Tequila Twilight Wedding, Urban Safari Wedding, Wild Thing Wedding, Winter White Wedding.

8) Let your color guide you! For example here are some colors and a theme wedding that could be incorporated with that color:

- Blue, Yellow - The Cosmo Clambake Wedding or The Seashore Shindig; Fuchsia, Red, Purple, Pink - The Passage to Passion Wedding; Yellow, Orange, Red - The Rise & Shine Wedding; Green, Yellow, Blue - The Sweet Pea Wedding/The Wild Thing Wedding; Red, Yellow, Green - The Tequila Twilight Wedding; White, Black - The Uptown Affair Wedding; Tans, Black or Brown - The Urban Safari Wedding; Green, Red, Silver - The Winter White Wedding

10) What type of centerpiece do you have on your kitchen or dining room table at home? Do you have fresh flowers? Do you have a basket of fruit? Or a group of candles? Look around your home and see what type of decor you already use. Don't stray from who you are. Your wedding is all about you and your theme should focus around this!

11) Do you have a collection of some sort? These are a glimpse of who you are and can also help you select a

theme for your wedding. 12) What makes you unique such as hobbies, talents, preferences, background, or your career? Write down 10 things that make you different based on your uniqueness. Now, ask your fiancé to do the same or write them down for them. Pick one unique characteristic from each list and see how you can incorporate both of these unique characteristics.

13) What things have happened in your life that has not happened to most other people? Perhaps, you are the only one in your circle who has sky-jumped, or went on a safari in Africa. How can you incorporate some of these unique things into your wedding?

14) What is your ultimate favorite movie? Watch the movie again but this time forget about the plot. Look at it differently, what are the characters wearing, where is the majority of the movie being filmed, what food is being served. How can you incorporate some of these movie ideas into your wedding?

These questions will get you thinking along the lines of YOUR perfect wedding.

Use these tips in your planning and you will be sure you are making the best decisions and choices in your theme.

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Celtic Wedding Bands



Bremen High School hosts 'Mock Wedding'

The Bremen High School Social Changes Class recently hosted a double mock wedding ceremony with the theme "Today We Marry Our Best Friends." The objectives of this class project were to understand the societal significance of a wedding and to compare the contracts people make in their lives.

According to Family and Consumer Science Department Chairperson and teacher of the class, Dr. Jane Crossley, the laws and customs connected to weddings, as well as the planning are taught in the course. "From the mock wedding, students will learn the cost of a wedding, the impor-

tance of following a month-to-month planning schedule and the many concerns that arise during the months prior to the wedding," Dr. Crossley explained.

The wedding was held in the Bremen High School Commons Room. The horticulture class, Viv and Friends, prepared the flowers. The school newspaper, yearbook and ALH Enterprises, INC. took photos. The TV production students as well as the Martin Videotaping Company videotaped the event. Gingiss Formalwear provided the tuxedos and Donna K. Bridal loaned the girls dresses. The Hospitality and Recreation Class, also in the Family and Consumer Sci-

ence Department, prepared the food.

Bremen Dean, Mr. Otis Lane, served as officiant and Mrs. Omega Dubose provided the musical selections. The brides and grooms were Krystalann Knight and James Leslie and Jaclene Janicki and Jack Miller.

Math teacher, Mr. Kevin Carlsen, served as Father of the Bride and gave Krystalann away. Dean, Mr. Vince Kasley, gave away Jaclene.

Mother of the Bride for Krystalann was Mrs. Margaret Johnson and Mother of the Bride for Jaclene was Mrs. Kathy Janicki.

Krystalann and James' Wedding Party members were Maid of Honor, Whitney Sangster; Best Man, Nick Twombly; Bridesmaids, Chrissi Sparrey and Bianca Walton; Groomsmen, Aaron Robinson and Limdbergh Zaragoza; Ringbearer, Mark Barr; and Flowergirl, Mia Brown.

Jaclene and Jack's Wedding Party consisted of Maid of Honor, Jamie Oehmen; Best Man, Trent Turyna; Bridesmaids, Deondra Bingham and Patricia Moen; Groomsmen, Leonardo Valadez and Fabio Alvarado; Ringbearer, Mark Barr; and Flowergirl, Naya Brown.

Attendance at the wedding and reception were by invitation only. Dr. Crossley will be taking the students to Divorce Court in the future.

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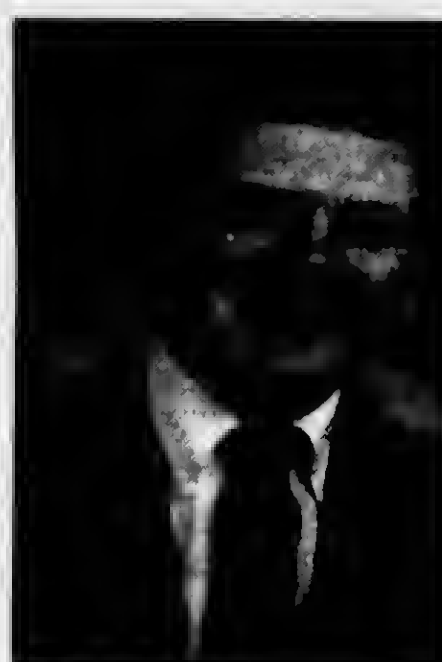
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Western Illinois University has announced that St. Rita of Cascia High School honors Dr. Mike Kisicki as being named an Illinois "Most Inspirational Teacher" for 2003-04.

Dr. Mike Kisicki wins the award for the fourth time. He is a 29-year veteran of St. Rita and has served the school as its Assistant Principal twice and two terms as athletic director. In addition Dr. Kisicki had four terms as activity director and is founder of St. Rita's professional development program, publicity director, disciplinarian and North Central Chairman.

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From The School for Husbands: CST - THE MOLIÈRE COMEDIES - A Sganarelle (Brian Bedford) professes his love to an hesitant Isabelle (Kate Fry.) Photo by Liz Lauren

Moliere Comedies are a light-hearted touch

By Marijo Doody

In a collaborative effort between Broadway in Chicago and the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, two Moliere works are presented at the Shubert Theater. The two one-acts are united in the themes of sexual jealousy and romantic rebellion. This presentation is superb because the fantastic verse translator, Richard Wilbur and the actor-director, Brian Bedford combined to make it.

The double bill is caramel-corn for the stage with a bright and sparkling traditional staging, design and presentation. It offers comely fun in their city and country battle of the sexes and generations. The first play is "The School for Husbands". Moliere presents a feminist outlook that places the main character cen-

tures before his time. It looks at opposite fates of two Parisian brothers in late Middle Ages. Sganarelle (Bedford) and Ariste (John Reeger) each have served as a guardian and surrogate father to a pair of orphaned sisters. Each hopes to marry his charge. However, Sganarelle has kept his lady as a prisoner and Ariste's lady has total freedom.

Sganarelle while arrogant cannot understand how he has alienated Isabella, who cleverly defies him by running off with a lover. Ariste the more astute and makes no demands is rewarded with Leonor's affections. Sganarelle (Bedford) is a single dimension laughing-stock puritan.

Sganarelle (Bedford) in the second play "The Imaginary Cuckold" comes out stepping into his own. He appears like a large red-beet just plucked from a garden with a jealous streak applied to his wife. Linda Kimbrough plays the wife, a natural for Moliere's sharp-tongued female characters.

The couple's long marriage is in the pits and Sganarelle (Bedford) does not have the zip or zeal to defend

Amusements & Theater by Marijo Doody



his honor. He is a hoot in the scene as tempers run wild and accusations fly.

Ming Cho Lee's sets-with yellow, blue and green townhouses for the first play and a fantastic painted backdrop of 16-17 century French country towns in the second are ideal. Costumes done by Jane Greenwood are colorful and authentic.

Sitting in the lower balcony at the Shubert took some time to assimilate the verbiage of style and verse of Moliere. It seemed like the old morality concepts in that what you get is not what you see. The humor was delicious. Chicago critics recommend the production.

Many of the audience were not used to the Shubert Theater and comments were most pronounced the inferior site compared to the beautiful Chicago Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier. However, the Shubert seats more and this is a way to increase participation. The play runs through February 22.

Tickets are \$22-65 and are available by calling 312-902-1400 or the box office at 22 W. Madison St. in Chicago.

Theater note on Oliver: The majority of Chicago critics steam-rolled the production as second rate for the prices charged. This reviewer placed it on a par with the Oak Lawn's 99th Street players 25th anniversary year production.

and American performers are used. The New York Times describes the company as an "extraordinary, inventive and disciplined outfit". Aquila Theater has won critical and academic acclaim for its work worldwide including touring throughout Europe, the United States and Canada.

Tickets to the Sunday, February 29th performance are \$28 for adults and \$26 for seniors and students. Call 708-974-5500 or visit the Moraine Valley Box Office Monday-Friday from 10am to 5pm. Additional information also can be found on the web at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.



Scene from "Les Patineurs"

Ashton Centennial sparkles with Joffrey Ballet

The current run of the Joffrey Ballet is celebrating the centennial of Sir Fredrick Ashton by presenting three of the British choreographer works, "A Wedding Banquet", "Les Patineurs" (The Skaters) and "Monotones I and II". In the dance world, Ashton as Artistic Director gave the Royal Ballet its distinctive style which was reported by Christopher Newton, a former danseur with The Royal, and current stager with Joffrey Ballet.

During rehearsals, Newton indicated the taste was developed for pure lines, lightness and precision and the fluid plastic musical approach to the classical the dance. In observing dancing in Monotones I, and II the viewer could perceive a mathematical concept a moveable triangle.

Ashton possessed a fine gift of storytelling and it is communicated with the use of the body. Robert Joffrey admired this work and its sparkling style.

In the popular wintry frolic "Les Patineurs" (The Skaters), the choreography simulates the moves and styles of ice skaters on a Victorian-Era ice rink. The Boy

in Blue is danced with strength in turns and jumps most exquisitely by Massayoshi Onuki, who's ready for the Olympics. The scenery and staging with sky lanterns, elk-like antler ceiling along with falling snow gives the audience the feeling of being on the skating rink.

The core Pas des Patineurs with the smart brown jackets and white skirts and bottoms looked wonderful and the dance precision was fantastic. Suzanne Lopez and Michael Levine in the Pas de Deux floated in unison like many Olympic ice dancers with the lifts. Meyerbeer's music was ably played and conducted by Dr. Leslie Dunner and orchestra. It is a delicious series of waltzes and gallops. Julianne Kepley and Elizabeth Mertz do terrific dancing strong flashy and comic in white skirts and midnight blue jackets with black toe-shoes.

The second feature was Monotone I, and II. This is a sparse contemporary work in the Balanchine style. Chicago Sun Times' critic Hedy Weiss indicates this work seemed to have the most pronounced effect on the viewer. There is two pair of trio dancers set to music by French modernist

Erik Satie.

The dancers are pared to silhouette sleekness in unicostume and head caps. I is in gold and II in white. I has 2 women and 1 man and II the reverse sexes. The figures represent 3-D Greek like vases. The dancers are precise, balanced and silky. I trio is Jennifer Goodman, Calvin Kitten and Stacy Keller and II trio is Samuel Pergande, Valarie Robin and Mathew Prescott and all are impeccable dancers.

The third ballet in the welcome British invasion danced by Joffrey is "A Wedding Banquet". It tells the story of a young man whose many past mistresses show up at his wedding and create all sorts of disruption. This offering attracts both the theater and dance audience.

Its narration sets the rhythm for the music. Actor Nicholas Rudall delivers Gertrude Steins verse with clarity and comprehensible out-of-synch speech. Note: Rudall is the Founding Director of the Court Theater.

The dancing is divine. Julianne Kepley as the high-strung maid is a hoot. Willy Shives a wonderful comedic groom. Emily Patterson with the Margot Fonteyn-like delivery as the bride. Maia Wilkins as Julia a jilted lover and Heather Augard as Pepe the dog are charming characters and dancers.

Adding to the pleasure is Chicago Sinfonietta under the direction of the Joffrey conductor Leslie Dunner. The interplay with dancers is wonderful. This British dance storm runs through February 22, 2004.

The historic Auditorium Theater at 50 East Congress in Chicago is the performance site. Tickets are \$25 and up and can be ordered at 312-902-1500. This is a highly recommended performance.

This Joffrey production will be presented in New York at the Metropolitan Opera House in July. This is the first production by Joffrey since Chicago has claimed it's home.

MVCC fine arts hosts "Othello"

Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center will host Aquila Theater Group's production of Othello on February 29 at 7pm in the Dorothy Menker Theater on campus.

Aquila Theater Group is part of "Shakespeare in American Communities", a national touring initiative sponsored by the National



Endowment for the Arts. The Heartland Arts Fund also supports the programs.

Aquila Theater Group adds innovative staging and superb acting to the genius of Shakespeare in this production of Othello. Both British

The "Wizard" comes to Oak Lawn

The Wizard of Oz performs at the Oak Lawn Park District

Performance dates for The Wizard of Oz are scheduled for 8pm on March 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Sunday March 21 at 3pm and at

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All performances are at the Oak View Center at 4825 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Ticket prices are \$17 for adults and \$16 seniors and children. To reserve tickets

via credit card call 708-857-2200 or e-mail theater@olpark.com. Box office hours are Mondays 8:30am to 9pm and Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am to noon.

Welcome Lenten season with fantastic fish on the dinner table

Even if Lent were five times longer, observers could prepare fish differently each night, thanks to The Catfish Institute (TCI). This all-American darling can be the star of "Fish Fridays" during Lent, with selections from the more than 200 recipes available online at <http://www.catfishinstitute.com>.

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½ tsp Ground black pepper
¼ cup Julienned sun-dried tomatoes (or substitute 2 pieces of thinly sliced tomato per filet)

1. In a small bowl, mix together cheese, butter, and mayonnaise. Set aside.
2. Preheat broiler to 500°F. Brush both sides of fillets with lemon juice and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place fillets (flat sides up) on oiled broiler pan rack. Broil about 4 inches from heat for 6 minutes.
3. Remove broiler pan from oven and turn fillets.
4. Spread cheese mixture over catfish. Sprinkle with tomatoes and broil an additional 4-6 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

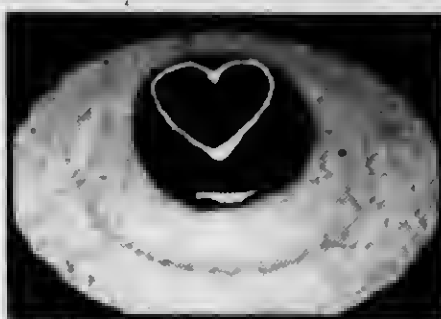
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Simply scoop some ice cream onto a cookie and top with the second cookie. Using a pastry bag or a plastic bag with the corner snipped, draw one large heart or even a couple small ones. Freeze until ready-to-serve. Enjoy!

Cherry Heart Pie

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4 tsp quick cooking tapioca

2/3 cup brown sugar
1 tsp almond extract (optional)

Grind granola in food processor or blender until fine. Add remaining crust ingredients and process until well blended.

Press into greased heart-shaped pie plate.

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Beverly Arts University Club presents "Fiddler"

The Beverly Arts University Club Scholarship Foundation will present Fiddler on the Roof at the new twelve-million-dollar Beverly Arts Center March 26-28. Over sixty potential artists auditioned for the various parts. Play producers are Bob and Christy Graham and Marjorie McCaw and Tom Fagan. Elaine Cosgrove and Joe Collins are the business managers. Director/choreographer is Cassie Dawe.

The Beverly Arts University Club Scholarship Foundation has been awarding college scholarships to local high school students for 79 years. Two years ago the 1000th scholarship was presented. The total value over these many years in current dollars exceeds one million dollars.

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My Psychic Observations & Insights: Don't Be Afraid To Express Yourself

Many people literally "choke" on words they want to say but don't. Things that remain unsaid that should be openly discussed can become like an undiagnosed disease, festering inside them making their life miserable. Still, there are better ways to say something without resorting to using profanity being hurtful. A professor once told me that people tend to swear when they know that they cannot make their point any other way. He also said that people go out of control when they really are not sure enough about what they are trying to say. Is this you? Is it someone you are living with? Help them by telling them you will listen when they can present whatever they are trying to tell you in a more reasonable manner. If you end up getting angry with them, it can end a relationship or turn it into a "free-for-all." But too, if you seem to be "placating" the person, this too can cause problems. Know what you want to say, and how you would like it to be heard as if it were you hearing it.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Nationwide ACT test is April 3 for college-bound students

Registration deadline is February 27

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 3, 2004, the next nationwide test date. The registration

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Bill Finn of Mt. Carmel High School gets full ride to Indiana University



Mt. Carmel senior Bill Finn recipient Chick Evans Scholarship

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Finn, a four-year member of the Mt. Carmel gold team and editor-in-chief of the school newspaper plans to attend Indiana University as a journalism major, beginning in the fall.

Finn resides with his family in the Beverly neighborhood and is a member of St. John Fisher parish.

St. Gerald grade school sweeps De La Salle Institute's academic contest

On November 20, 2003 junior high school students from across the Chicago metropolitan area gathered together to participate in the De La Salle Institute's Academic Contest. When the tests were completed and scores computed, students from Saint Gerald Grade School in Oak Lawn took top awards in both the team and individual categories!

Individual winners were determined by computing the total scores from three written tests. The winners were: 1st place-Courtney Blouzdis, St. Gerald Grade School, 2nd place-Jessica Wyka, St.

Gerald Grade School and a tie for 3rd place-Elizabeth Puchalski and Kristen Valen, St. Gerald Grade School.

Team winners were determined by totaling up each individual score on the team and then taking the average amongst the group. The winners were:

1st place-Courtney Blouzdis, Jessica Wyka, Elizabeth Puchalski and Kristen Valen, St. Gerald 8th graders; 2nd place - Rebecca Egan, Kate Newhart, Ashley Nowodinski and Jennifer Nudo - St. Gerald 7th graders.

The junior high school

participants were given three, twenty-minute tests in the areas of Applied Science and Technology, Social Studies and Language Arts.

"I think it's wonderful!" said Jerry Seldal, parent of three St. Gerald students, "It's a real testament to the commitment St. Gerald has to academic excellence for the children in our community."

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Some students find it more comfortable than an

aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than 2 million times last year.

Important tips — Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and retake the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam

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- Do ask the host or hostess of an engagement party whether you should bring a gift. Engagement gifts have never been obligatory but are becoming customary in some parts of the country, usually given to the couple by family members and close friends.
- Don't feel a wedding gift should equal the amount the bride and groom spend on each guest. The amount spent on a gift should be based on your relationship with the couple-or their families-as well as your budget.
- Do find out where the bride and groom are registered. Registry information is sometimes inserted in shower invitations but it's never appropriate to include in wedding invitations.

To find out where a couple is registered, some people call the bride, mother of the bride or maid of honor. Often, the fastest and easiest way is to search for the couple on www.weddingchannel.com. With about 1.5 million registries available in its database, searching for a couple has never been easier.

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- Don't believe the old myth about having a year to send a wedding gift. Gifts should be sent before the wedding and may be sent as soon as a guest receives an invitation. Thank-you notes should be written within three months of the wedding.

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Gift-Giving Guidelines To Stay Wedded To

Before saying "I do" to a wedding, engagement party or bridal shower invitation, you may want to read up on some gift-giving dos and don'ts.

Here are some tips from the experts at Wedding Channel.com.

- Do send a gift if you have been invited to attend a wedding ceremony and reception-whether you attend or not. A wedding announcement carries no gift obligation although it is thoughtful to send a note or card expressing your best wishes.

tradition as weddings.

Take for example the wedding cake. This familiar emblem of the wedding banquet dates back to Roman celebrations. Today, couples have adapted this tradition to reflect their personal style, creating lasting memories of their special day. However, despite a common tradition of saving the crown layer of cake for the first anniversary, after the wedding there is little left to save and treasure.

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Beloved piece are an inspiring way to combine tradition and lasting memories for years to come. Plus, a cake topper can become a tradition in itself. Families can save these cherished pieces, share them at family celebrations and pass them down to children to use at their weddings.

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'Restoration' is the word in Oak Forest

By David Vognar

For the next five years, Oak Forest will be on a "pathway to restoration"—at least that's the way the city's aldermen see it. With the passage of the "Pathway to Restoration" ordinance, the south suburban city pledged \$25 million to renovating the majority of its aging infrastructure. Oak Forest hopes that the big spending tactic will springboard the city back into modernity, if not prominence.

With the passage of the ordinance on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, the city is taking innovative strides towards updating what many aldermen have viewed as one of the city's unfortunate blights: its aged infrastructure. After developing quickly during the suburban boom 40 years ago, Oak Forest has had to play catch up to restore itself to modern standards. This project will include provisions for updated roads, sidewalks and capital goods. Under the plan, streets will be resurfaced at a rate seven times that of the current resurfacing system. The city's finance committee, which spearheaded the measure, hopes the plan will wed the efforts of Public Works and the city council under one long-term standard for improvement, instead of sporadic small plans. In addition to coordinating and streamlining the city's street-improvement plan, the five-year resolution also provides for the careful monitoring of other types of infrastructure, such as run-down machinery and rusty city equipment. Other bourns of the plan include the analysis and repair of the city's dated water mains, pump stations,

and sewer systems. Lift stations, or any other piece of city capital machine, are also going to be scrutinized. The bulk of the \$25 million will come from government grants, sought corporate funds, and automobile fuel taxes. The city will also put a proposed bond issue worth \$11 million towards the project.

Though the pricey nature of such a daunting renovation project seems dicey, Oak Forest officials claim that the majority of the money, specifically the bond issue, will not impact the taxpayer more than common government spending. According to an alderman who worked closely with the finance committee, the city will be retiring the 1986 bond issue within three years, which should mitigate problems. "The beauty of it is, again, it should virtually be seamless to the taxpayer," said Mayor Patrick Gordon. Gordon also praised the entire city council for its initiative and perseverance during the five-month process of collaborations that resulted in the ordinance's final appearance. Alderman Richard D. Simon, longtime advocate of street repair and safety, also spoke highly of the plan and enthusiastically voted for it. "I commend the finance department and the Public Works department."

To collaborate the plan, each one of the city's departments selected what it believed was an urgent project for the city to undertake. The finance committee, after various consultations, then recommended select projects for consideration under the plan and organized them into a long-term prospectus. According to an interoffice memorandum obtained by

the Village View, the purpose of the project's main goal is "to provide an innovative

and proactive approach to restoring and replacing" the city's worn-down infrastruc-

ture. With a little chutzpah, Oak Forest is putting its money where it mouth is.



St. Michael School students and Principal Jim Muting, dressed as the "Cat in the Hat" during the 6th Novel Reading at Border's Books

St. Michael School shares "Cat in the Hat"

Twenty-sixth grade students at St. Michael School in Orland Park read their novels at Borders' Books as part of the Illinois Literacy Program sponsored by the bookstore.

Mrs. Susan Rose, sixth grade language arts teacher, had students come to the bookstore and read their novels and show their illustrations. Students were chosen for their creativity and imagination.

Principal James Muting and Terry Reger assistant principal of St. Michael School read "The Cat in the Hat" to local pre-school children after the sixth grade readings. Muting dressed as "The Cat in the Hat" and seventh graders, Kathleen Kaysen and Katelyn Smith dressed as "Thing 1" and "Thing 2".

St. Michael raised \$2064 for the Illinois Literacy Program. St. Michael was the only Catholic elementary school in the state of Illinois to receive funds from Border's and the Secretary of State's office to purchase books for students.

Orland Park Special Recreation to host indoor Garage Sale

Semi-Annual Event Returns to Orland Park Civic Center

Get a jump on spring-cleaning and make some extra cash at the same time! The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department Special Recreation Program will host its spring garage sale on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at

the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. The garage sale will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Banquet sized tables are available for rent for \$20.00 per table. Proceeds benefit

the Orland Park Special Recreation Program. Rental reservations may be made before March 12, 2004 at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

Tables are pre-assigned on a first come/first served

basis and sellers keep their own profits. Past sales have included nearly 100 vendors and hundreds of shoppers.

Set up the day of the sale begins at 7:00 A.M., with the doors opening at 9:00 A.M. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

Illinois Governor announces \$23 million in Grants

Grants for acquisitions and development of local parks are announced in January. Tinley Park District will receive \$400,000 to develop the District's first all-purpose sports park at 80th Avenue and Timbers Drive.

Development includes a football field, soccer field, softball field, baseball diamond, playground and a restroom/concession building. Park contact is John Curran at 708-342-4200.



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Jack and Beverly Stoltz lead the group of gardeners, dispelling the myth that "green

Thumbs" are necessary for prize-winning gardens. Drop in for discussions and share your ideas and common goals. Also in the winter Tea-time is Tuesday and Thursday at the center.

Flower and Garden trip

Join the Green Hills Public Library for a bus trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Registration is open now. Please call the reference desk at 598-8446 ext 20 to register or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

The Tinley Park Public Library announces programs

World Travelers
Become a world traveler, and explore the natural wonders of the world at the Tinley Park Public Library. Our series begins Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 pm with Rudy Unger, who will take us on a tour of Colorado, Utah and Arizona. Registration begins Monday, February 9 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Teen Talk
The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 through 9 to join its book discussion group voice their literary judgments on Thursday, February 26 from 5:15 to 6:00 pm. Register and pick up the discussion book beginning February 12. For additional info, phone the library at 532-0160 ext. 3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Read 'N' Rant
The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 10 through 12 to join this new book discussion group that will meet Tuesday, February 24 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Register and pick up the selected book beginning February 10. For additional info and to register, phone 532-0160 x3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

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On Saturday, December 13, 2003, XM Satellite Radio personality, Bruce Kelly of XM's The 80s on 8 channel, presents the keys to a brand new Pontiac GTO to Hugh Butler of Palos Height, Illinois. Mr. Butler won the new 2004 GTO Coupe (MSRP starting at \$31,795) and XM satellite radio service for life as part of XM's million subscriber celebration sweepstakes. XM reached one million subscribers faster than almost any other media service, and the company gave away brand new GM cars and other unique prizes to thank existing customers and attract new subscribers this past holiday season.

XM Satellite Radio subscriber in Palos Hts. wins million subscriber contest grand prize

Palos Heights Man Surprised with Keys to Brand New Pontiac GTO

XM Satellite Radio (NASDAQ: XMSR), the country's number-one satellite radio service, announced that Hugh Butler of Palos Height has won a brand new 2004 Pontiac GTO and XM service for life as part of the satellite radio service's million subscriber celebration. XM reached one million subscribers faster than almost any other media service, and the company has given away cars and other unique prizes to thank existing customers and attract new subscribers this past holiday season.

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About XM Satellite Radio

With more than 1.36 million subscribers today, XM is on pace to reach 2.8 million subscribers by the end of 2004. Broadcasting live daily from studios in Washington, DC, New York City and Nashville, Tennessee at the Country Music Hall of Fame, XM's 2004 lineup includes more than 120 digital channels of choice from coast to coast: 68 music channels that will be 100% commercial-free beginning in February 2004, featuring hip hop to opera, classical to country, bluegrass to blues; 32 channels of premier sports, talk, comedy, children's and entertainment programming; and more than 20 channels of the most advanced traffic and weather

information for major metropolitan areas nationwide. Affordable, compact and stylish XM satellite radio receivers for the home, the car, the computer and boom boxes for "on the go" are available from retailers nationwide. In

addition, XM is available in more than 80 different 2004 car models. XM is a popular factory-installed option on more than 40 new General Motors models, as well as a standard feature on several top-selling Honda and Acura models.

Introducing Grapevine Worldwide Mart

By Carlene O'Connor

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Grapevine's owner, Judy, and her staff, are full service decorators, and will decorate your home or office. They come and see what you need and compliment it with accessories.

Weddings are a big ticket item at the store and brides are given royal treatment. After bringing a swatch from the bride's maid's dresses, and selecting the flowers, Judy's designers will spend all day long with her on her special day to make it perfect. Grapevine wants to make each bride a lifelong customer so they go out of their way to make her happy.

All employees of Grapevine are either family or students from Moraine Valley or St. Xavier, from the Fine Arts and Business programs. They must have designer ability and a flair before they are hired. Then they are completely trained to service all customers.

Grapevine's motto is that they think "outside the box" and "go a step above".

To visit Grapevine, stop at 10142 Roberts Road in Palos Hills. You'll be glad you did. It's open 8:30 am - 6 pm Monday-Friday, and 3:30 am - 3 pm on Saturday.

MVCC honor society wins award, inducts new members

Moraine Valley Community College's Phi Theta Kappa honor society was recently recognized as a Pinnacle Scholarship Award Program. The college's Alpha Iota Lambda chapter of the international honor society earned the acknowl-



Kelly O'Brien and Jim Oberweis

Meet Kelly O'Brien

By Carlene O'Connor

Mayor Bennett of Palos Hills has appointed Kelly O'Brien to fill the vacancy of Joel Tomas's seat in the 4th ward. Joel Tomas passed away of cancer last year.

O'Brien, 35, is a lawyer with a legal degree from Loyola University and was raised in Palos Hills. She is considered to be enthusiastic, smart, and convincing by residents who have seen her in action so far.

Apart from being an alderman, she is also campaign manager for Jim Oberweis

who is running for U.S. Senate. Of the campaign, Kelly said that Jim is in the lead at number one or two in the polls, according to the Chicago Tribune.

When asked what her main goal was, Kelly said that is was to contribute as much as she could to Palos Hills. Committees have not been appointed yet, but she will serve her best.

From the looks of it all, and by talking to Kelly, it appears that Kelly is on the way to a career in politics.

edgment for successfully enhancing its recruitment and orientation strategies and reporting a 10 percent increase in membership from last year.

The college also has announced the most recent inductees to its chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. A ceremony was held to recognize the new inductees. To follow are some of these fine students:

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Gabriela Gonzalez, Crystal Rolens, Paulette Wells, Theresa Woods, and Chester Wudarski

Palos Heights

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Marist Academic Team members and coach - Jim Seiler, Dan O'Hara, Bill Schmit, Head Coach Jeff Nicholson, Pete O'Malley, Tony Philippi, and Vince Labriola.

Marist Academic Team and Math Team on a roll

The Marist High School Varsity Academic Team finished 2nd out of 60 teams at the Annual Fremd Varsity Invitational Tournament on January 24. On their way to the championship match, they beat top teams Loyola, Rufus King, and New Trier. It was the best finish for any Marist team ever at the Fremd Tournament. The team of Bill Schmit, Dan O'Hara, Pete O'Malley,

Tony Philippi, Vince Labriola, and Jim Seiler played some of their best matches of the year in preparation for the upcoming IHSA Scholastic Bowl Series.

Head Coach and Marist math instructor Jeffrey Nicholson explained, "This team was simply awesome. We have definitely made a statement that we are a team to watch out for in this year's

IHSA State Series."

In addition, the Marist Math Team competed at the third Catholic Math League South meet of the year at Nazareth Academy on Jan. 31. The team placed in all ten phases of the competition. Kellie Snooks, Mike Krydynski, Brent Mavity, Joe Thompson, Peter O'Malley and Bill Schmit received individual honors.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence, Marist High School in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

EP OCS Garden Clinic meets

The OCS Garden Clinic extends an invitation to all local residents as it meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 10am in room 112 at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. Evergreen Park.

Jack and Beverly Stoltz lead the group of gardeners, dispelling the myth that "green

Thumbs" are necessary for prize-winning gardens. Drop in for discussions and share your ideas and common goals. Also in the winter Tea-time is Tuesday and Thursday at the center.

Flower and Garden trip

Join the Green Hills Public Library for a bus trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Registration is open now. Please call the reference desk at 598-8446 ext 20 to register or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

The Tinley Park Public Library announces programs

Teen Talk

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 through 9 to join its book discussion group voice their literary judgments on Thursday, February 26 from 5:15 to 6:00 pm. Register and pick up the discussion book beginning February 12. For additional info, phone the library at 532-0160 ext. 3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Read 'N' Rant

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 10 through 12 to join this new book discussion group that will meet Tuesday, February 24 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Register and pick up the selected book beginning February 10. For additional info and to register, phone 532-0160 x3. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

World Travelers

Become a world traveler, and explore the natural wonders of the world at the Tinley Park Public Library. Our series begins Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 pm with Rudy Unger, who will take us on a tour of Colorado, Utah and Arizona. Registration begins Monday, February 9 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

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Evergreen Park approves retail development

By Matt Mayer

At the February 16th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees Meeting, the board approved an ordinance to rezone the property at 8700 S. Kedzie Ave from "I" Cemetery to a "C" Commercial district development. Also an ordinance was approved for a real estate purchase and development agreement between TMK and Evergreen Park Venture LLC and the Village of Evergreen Park. Attorney John Murphy, who represents the developer Terry King, addressed the board. King stated the developer, TMK is a real estate developer specializing in the development of retail property. TMK has developed in excess of 26 shopping centers in the Chicago metro area, including Northbrook, Skokie and Oakbrook. Murphy stated that King is very excited to be partnering with the village on this development of 5.44 acres.

King outlined the plans for the development and said, "We think this is going to be the economic engine that will really kick off the redevelopment of the 87th Street Corridor". King stated that the parcel is divided into four major components, which will be anchored by an Aldi's and a Walgreens, which will include a drive-thru facility. Walgreens will

be relocating from their current location at 87th and California Ave.

King stated that both of these buildings are expected to produce a high volume of business, with projected annual sales between \$15 and \$20 million. The retail development will also include a 1st American Bank and a Starbucks, which will also have a drive-thru facility.

Mayor James Sexton stated that this is a public-private partnership in which the village is not only able to secure some name brand retailers, but is also expected to realize some \$200,000 in sales tax per year and \$41,000 in real estate taxes. This property has been owned by the village and therefore has been off the tax rolls. The village is planning an 18-acre park and sports complex just south of the development. Sexton also stated that School District 124 is expected to receive \$89,000 and School District 231 is expected to receive \$83,000 per year, beginning in 2006. The library will also receive \$6,000 per year in additional revenue. Construction is slated to begin in late spring or early summer with a projected completion in spring of 2005.

The board also approved a request to proclaim March 7th thru the 13th as Girl Scout week.



Pictured with Trustee Hurckes are, Standing: Jenna Hurckes, Alyssa Eichten, Ashley Salerno, Lauren Montesano, Bailey Kean, Kaitlyn York, Kneeling: Megan Hurckes, Elain Gralak, Isabella Ambrose, Shannon Dauksza, Kailey Edwards

OL Trustee Hurckes joins Daisy and Brownie Troops in Tree Decorating

Trustee Jerry Hurckes, (Oak Lawn, 1st District) joins Daisy Troop #1009 and Brownie Troop #492 during this past Christmas season in decorating the tree in Brookfield Zoo's Christmas Lights program

Trustee Hurckes donated the tree for all the Daisy and Brownie troops within the 1st District (which he represents).

Deputy Chief Robert Troy, Lieutenant Charles Forsyth, Lieutenant Michael Murphy and Sergeant Mary Doherty.

Mayor Michael Howley stated that Verizon Wireless has pledged to donate 50 used cell phones for the Seniors Cell Phone Safety program. A brief ceremony took place in which a representative from Verizon Wireless presented the Senior Task Force and the City with 6 phones, which will be followed by the remainder of the pledged 50 phones.

A contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, National Power Rodding, for \$88,356.90 for televising 8.4 miles of sanitary sewers

main. This is a technique in which a camera can be fed through a sewer line for internal visual inspection of the line. No it won't be televised on the community channel. Upon completion of this project, the city will have televised every sanitary main in town.

The Hickory Hills City Council approved a walking path around the Prairie Pond located off of 82nd Avenue. The path was approved as part of the annual street resurfacing project. The city council opted to install less expensive lighting around the path, with an estimated savings to the city of \$50,000 to \$60,000.

The city council approved

Oak Lawn approves ordinance amendments for TIF feasibility studies

by Matt Mayer

At the February 24th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved an ordinance amending an ordinance adopted at the January 27th board meeting, authorizing a study of the feasibility of establishing tax increment allocation financing (TIF) district to improve deteriorating physical conditions and stimulate new economic development within the area of the village's commuter parking lot/station. This ordinance amendment allows the ability to make certain technical revisions to the boundaries of the area to be studied. The initial cost of the study was \$21,000. The ordinance was approved 5-1 Trustee Bob descended.

In addition the board also approved an ordinance amending an ordinance, also approved on January 27th, authorizing a study of a TIF district within the 87th Street corridor from Major Ave to Menard Ave. The amended ordinance allows the studied area to be expanded from Central Ave to Menard Ave. The initial cost of this study was \$16,200.00.

The board approved a resolution requesting the submission of an over the counter "no cash bid" on a delinquent property parcel at

9431 S. 54th Ct, directly north of the purposed TGI Friday's restaurant. Taxes have not been paid on this parcel since 1988.

These forfeited delinquent taxes are going to be offered for sale at the Spring 2004 scavenger sale conducted by Cook County.

As part of the "no cash bid" process, the forfeited delinquent real estate taxes will be extinguished pursuant to state law. To the extent possible under federal and state law, the village will seek to have the other tax liens of \$16,485.80 extinguished.

An ordinance granting an additional parking variation at 4002 W. 111th St as well as an ordinance granting certain building height and front yard setback variations at 5345 W. 99th St were also approved.

The board approved a request to waive the bidding process due to specific reliability and past dealing with the vendor. The request consists of trading in a 1999 McCoy Miller ambulance and purchasing a 2004 ambulance for \$74,387.00. A request to proclaim March 7th thru 13th 2004 as Girl Scout week was also approved.

a business license for Spears, a piano jazz bar in the Hill Creek Shopping Center, 8703 W. 95th St. Ordinances for a class (C) liquor license as well as an entertainment license will also be written. Business license for Oculus Architecture at 9585 S. 79th Ave and Brinkman Mortgage Group Inc, a mortgage brokerage business at 8845 W. 87th St. were also approved.

The board adjourned into

a closed session to discuss a settlement in regards to the City of Hickory Hills vs. Bridgeview Bank and Trust. The meeting reconvened with no decision made - the meeting was then adjourned.

Hickory Recognizes Police Officers for Length of Service

By Matt Mayer

The February 26th Hickory Hills City Council meeting commenced with an awards ceremony to recog-

nizing Police officers for 25 years of server. Police Chief Vodicka presented awards to the following officers: Police officer Richard Gibbs,

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News about our local service personnel

Air Force 2nd Lt. Melissa A. Vonderheide has graduated from Commissioned Officer Training (COT) at the Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

COT is the premiere four-week training program for

nearly all Air Force active duty, Air National Guard, and Reserve members who are officers in health professions, judge advocates and chaplains. The 165-hour curriculum focuses on officer-related issues and leadership. The curriculum covers drill

and ceremony, health and fitness, communication skills, profession of arms, military studies and international security studies, leadership studies, and specialized training.

Vonderheide is a nurse with the 60th Medical Group, Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, Calif.

She is the daughter of John H. and Mary C. Vonderheide of S. Lockwood, Burbank.

The second lieutenant is a 1997 graduate of Queen of Peace, Burbank, and a 2002 graduate of Lewis University, Romeoville.

Army Pvt. Martin P. Nolan and Army Pvt. Brandirose Higgins has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Nolan is the son of Rosemarie Nolan of S. Kedzie, Evergreen park, and George Kunatz of Carpenter St., Steger.

The soldier graduated from Evergreen Park Community High School.

Higgins is the daughter of James Higgins of S. Ridgeland Ave., Worth.

Darryl K. Zeber graduated from the Army Warrant Officer Candidate Course at Fort Rucker, Daleville, Ala., and was appointed to the rank of warrant officer one. The officer will be assigned as a member of Army National Guard.

At warrant officer school, the student completed an intense four-week course conducted in a very rigorous, high-stressed environment. The candidate received training and experience in leadership skills, Army customs, doctrine, tradition, and tactics, drill and ceremonies, professional ethics, physical training, time-stress-people management skills, and a variety of other military academic subjects.

Warrant officers continue to further their training through technical and tactical

certification. As the officers gain progressive levels of expertise and leadership, they operate, maintain, administer and manage equipment, support activities or technical systems throughout their Army career.

The newly appointed warrant officer will attend the Unit Maintenance Technician (Light) Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Zeber is the son of Sandra Conner of Burbank. He is a 1985 graduate of Curie High School, Chicago.

Air Force Airman Daniel W. Ruehl has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ruehl's parents are Lawrence and Gerianne Ruehl of Spaulding, Evergreen Park, Ill.

He is a 2003 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Samantha L. Kreider has been recalled to active duty to support the missions of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Operation Noble Eagle is the official name given to the U.S. military operations associated with the homeland defense and support of federal, state, and local civil agencies in the United States. U.S. military reserve component members have been activated to help guard, protect and defend America from any further terrorist threats or aggression directed at our nation from within, protecting America's borders, shores and skies.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been mobilized, activated and deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve throughout Southwest Asia, the Arabian

peninsula, Europe, and islands in the Pacific.

Kreider is a waitress normally assigned to the 685th

Transportation Company, Hobart, Ind. She has more than a year of military service.

Tinley Park Irish Parade neighborhood groups participate

Once again the Oak Park Avenue Mainstreet Association in conjunction with the Village of Tinley Park Mainstreet Commission present the annual Irish Parade on March 7, 2004. This 5th annual parade for the village promises to be bigger and better than last year according to John Curran, Director of the Tinley Park District and one of the event's organizers. "It's a great day for the Irish and a great day for anyone attending the Irish Parade. The floats, music, entertainment, and refreshments provide fun for the whole family."

The parade will feature the Chicago Irish Kilty Band, the nation's oldest continuous pipe band that was formed in 1921. The parade expects to draw hundreds of people along the route from Central Middle School at 181st and Oak Park Avenue to the VFW at 172nd & Oak Park Avenue. Roger Barton, former

Tinley Park Police Officer and Commander of the VFW, will kick-off the parade at 2PM as the Grand Marshall.

Traditionally, prizes are awarded for the best amateur float, professional float, marching band, walking group, or vehicle. New for this year, the parade committee will be presenting an award for the best neighborhood float.

Oak Park Avenue Mainstreet Association is a non-profit organization comprised of local business owners dedicated to improving the merchant opportunities in Tinley Park. OPAMA does this by helping to maintain a beautiful "mainstreet" atmosphere, and by organizing and sponsoring multiple events for the enjoyment of locals and tourists alike.



Jeanne Marie Reynolds



Gloria Alitto Majewski

Majewski and Reynolds to address Worth senior citizens

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and Jeanne Marie Reynolds, Attorney with Reynolds & Reynolds, LTD, will speak before the Worth Township senior Citizen Organization, Friday, March 5 at 12:45 pm at Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip.

Jean Gergets, coordinator, announced that Majewski and Reynolds will discuss their individual offices.

Commissioner Majewski received her education from

Mundelein College. She has served as a commissioner since 1984. In 1988 she was appointed, then elected Chairman of the Finance Committee, the first woman to hold that position. Gloria is a candidate for re-election as Commissioner in the primary elections being held this March.

Jeanne Reynolds is a graduate of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., and received her law degree from Loyola University. She is a candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County this March.

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Dan Hynes unveils affordable and quality health care agenda

Will Propose Adding 100,000 Nurses to Health Care Workforce

U.S. Senate candidate Dan Hynes unveiled his health care agenda, a detailed plan to make quality health care more accessible and affordable, today at the University of Illinois - Chicago College of Medicine.

Hynes highlighted his plans to address the incredible nursing shortage in America by putting an end to overtime abuse, investing in nurses' professional development and recruiting new, talented nurses into the health care workforce. Hynes' wife, Dr. Christina Hynes, who is a doctor at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, was also in attendance.

"Nurses are the backbone of our health care system - they help keep America healthy," said Hynes. "And the nursing shortage is threatening our ability to

provide quality care. Nurses are overworked and the dangerously high attrition rate is a threat to the future of our health care system. As Illinois' next U.S. Senator, I will make getting more nurses into the health care workforce a top priority."

Dan Hynes' health care plan would add 100,000 new nurses to the health care work force, put an end to mandatory overtime and help recruit a talented pool of nurses into the health care workforce.

"My plan not only addresses the nursing shortage but the ills of our health care system that are making it harder each day for working families to keep up," said Hynes. "As a former health care attorney and the husband of a doctor, I see and hear about the crises in our health care system every day. As your

next U.S. Senator, I have a plan to control the spiraling costs of health insurance so that the working families, children and seniors of this country receive the health care they deserve."

"In nursing school, I was taught that providing quality patient care is a nurse's highest priority. I've worked in places where it was hard to provide the level of care I should have been providing because I was taking care of eight or 10 patients simultaneously," said Beth Boyer, a nurse from Godfrey, IL. "It forces nurses to provide the minimum amount of care to get the job done and then move on to the next patient."

Hospitals and clinics all over America are suffering from nearly 168,000 nursing vacancies.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics by 2012 the demand for nurses will increase by 700,000 and the total number of job openings reflecting job growth and the need to replace nurses who have left the industry, will be 1.1 million.

"The health care agenda is the most important domestic social issue of our

generation, and the availability, accessibility and affordability of health insurance may be the most important issue on that agenda," said Gerald M. Casey, M.D., a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and former Vice President of the Chicago Medical Society.

"Dan Hynes has proposed specific steps to address not some, but all the major problems in health care, and he has done so with integrity, honesty, and a deep insight into the needs of the present and the future. I am proud to support Dan's health care agenda, and feel he will best represent the people of Illinois and the nation in the U.S. Senate."

Working families are not only struggling with a weaker economy and tight job market, the cost of getting quality health care is further burdening them. Out of pocket costs have increased by 48 percent for workers who get health care from their employees, and premiums for family plans increased more than 40 percent between 2000 and 2002. Most of the 1.6 million Illinoisans without insurance are from working families and over half are African American or Latino.

Rising health care costs have resulted in record numbers of uninsured Americans. To make health care more affordable and accessible, Dan Hynes would:

(1) expand current programs to make sure every child has health care (2) make new, lower cost choices available to families and businesses; and (3) fight rising health care costs by standing up to the pharmaceutical companies and combating waste, fraud and abuse. Hynes will also fight for mental health parity and work to ensure adequate funding for AIDS/HIV programs, including an AIDS vaccine. Finally, Hynes will fight to protect women's health.

"It is time for our government to deliver on its promise to provide health care for all Americans that has been broken by politicians for decades," said Hynes. "The Hynes Health Care Agenda offers real, detailed solutions to fix America's health care crisis."

To read more on The Hynes' Health Care Agenda please click on the following link: <http://www.danhynes.com/>

Bush Campaign targeting 'Long Shot' Kucinich

The Bush re-election team has prepared dozens of commercials to undercut the efforts of the candidates seeking the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, including Ohio Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich.

According to a report in The Washington Post, the Bush re-election campaign "is sitting on a \$100 million war chest," and plans an advertising blitz in about 20

states targeting U.S. Sen. John Kerry, and U.S. Sen. John Edwards and has "prepared a couple of ad scripts targeting long shot Dennis Kucinich."

Kucinich has made Bush's policies on the war in Iraq, trade, economic policy, jobs, health care and education the centerpieces of his Presidential bid.

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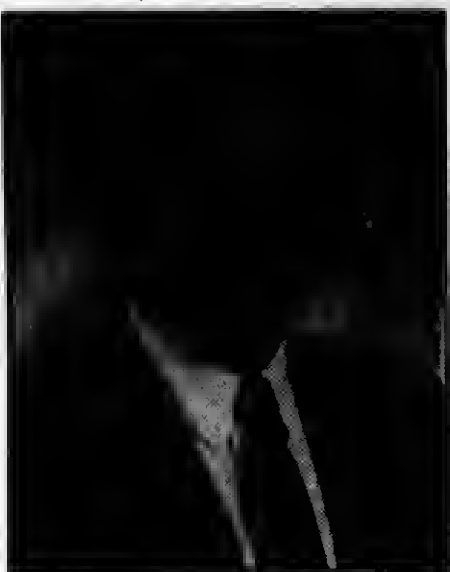
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Dr. James Hogg

Medical information

Hogg & Associates offer tooth prints program

Dr. James Hogg & Associates offers free tooth prints program to all children on Saturday, March 13, 2004 at the Hogg & Associates Dental Offices at 10232 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn. No appointment necessary and its first come, first served. The process takes 15 minutes. If not available



the make-up date is May 31.

Dr. James Hogg states that "It is important to be proactive in protecting children. The decline in cavities is due to fight against tooth decay, dental records alone are not as helpful to police as they once were. The program records the child's bite, DNA samples from saliva and is a source of scents for tracking police dogs to work in the event your child is ever missing".

Walgreens Health initiatives to provide home care services nationally for United Heath Care

On Feb. 1, Walgreens Health Initiatives (WHI), through Walgreens Home Care, Inc., began serving the home care needs of members of United HealthCare Insurance Company, one of the largest managed care organizations in the U.S. Through this nationwide agreement, WHI will provide comprehensive home care services

— infusion, home medical equipment and respiratory services, including respiratory medication — to all United HealthCare plans and participating affiliates.

"We are pleased at the opportunities this affords both WHI and United HealthCare," said Mark Flexsenhar, WHI vice president of Home Care Sales. "As we continue to expand, we will offer more services to more members than ever before."

Currently operating accredited home care facilities in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico, Texas and Wisconsin, WHI initially will serve United HealthCare members in these states. As WHI expands, members will have access to WHI's home care services in our new locations as well.

WHI is a division of Walgreen Co., the nation's largest drugstore chain with fiscal 2003 sales of \$32.5 billion and 4,290 stores in 44 states and Puerto Rico. In addition to providing home care services through Walgreens Home Care, Inc., WHI provides mail service pharmacy, pharmacy benefit management and specialty pharmacy services.



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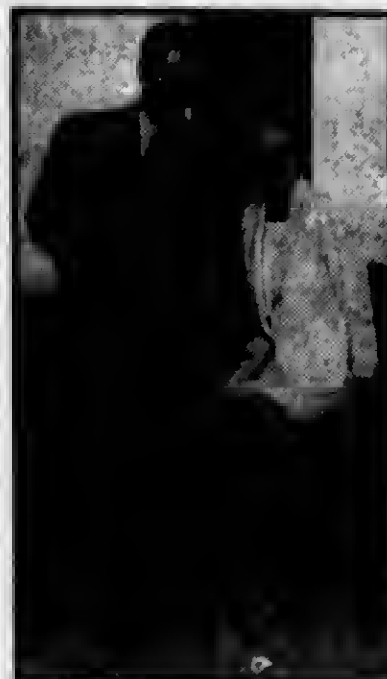
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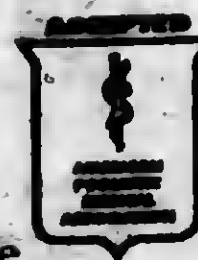
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Medical Information

St. James announced a new community breast health program for low-income women.

St. James announced a new community breast health awareness program directed at African-American and Hispanic women living at or below the poverty level. Staff and cancer patients advocating the program will be available to interview. The program will be made possible due to a local grant from the Chicagoland Area Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. National research shows that women living at or below the poverty level have higher-than-average breast cancer mortality. Researchers believe a major reason for the high mortality is that low income or lack of insurance prevents these women from participating in preventive breast cancer screening. St. James' new program will help low-income women detect breast cancer earlier.

St. James CEO Peter J. Murphy talked one-on-one about health care at the Heart and Vascular Institute.

Attendees had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with St. James CEO Peter J. Murphy, who addressed questions about health care programs and facilities at both St. James campuses. He also discussed the expected health and economic impact the facilities will have on the Southland community.

Directions to the 'new' St. James

Take I-57 to Vollmer Rd. (east exit). Proceed 1.2 miles

east to Crawford Avenue. Turn right (south) onto Crawford Avenue and proceed past the hospital campus to Burke Rd. (203rd St.). Turn left (east) and enter the institute's parking lot at the first left.

Respite stays now offered by Timbers of Shorewood

The Timbers of Shorewood now offers respite stays at the comfortable retirement community. Whether a person needs a break from caring for a loved one, a temporary living option while recovering from surgery, or a trial run at retirement community living, The Timbers offers a number of options for an enjoyable short-term visit. The Timbers of Shorewood is located at 1100 N. River Rd., Shorewood.

Depending on the person's needs, the Timbers' respite stays can range from one night to several weeks. Respite stays include a fully furnished, private apartment with a kitchen; all utilities; towel and linen service; bi-weekly housekeeping service; two meals a day at the Shorewood Forest Restaurant; and a variety of social and educational activities.

For people who need additional assistance, there are options to add a third meal

per day, assistance with all activities of daily living, as well as laundry service and daily housekeeping services.

For those with Medicare benefits, physical and occupational therapy is provided by professionals from Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center in The Timbers' fitness center. In addition, the staff at The Timbers can help arrange home health care services to meet each individual's needs.

Guests can enjoy the peaceful 10-acre campus with landscaped courtyards and walking paths that circle the building, play a few hands of bridge or even join a country line dancing class with the active members of The Timbers retirement community. Additional on-site amenities that are available to all residents and respite stay visitors include a satellite location of the Shorewood Bank and a full-service hair salon for women and men.

"This is a super opportunity for senior citizens to do a trial run at retirement community living," said Tammy Virgili, The Timbers Executive Director. "Once they experience The Timbers' amenities such as home-cooked meals, housekeeping and social events, they'll have a hard time leaving our cozy nest."

The Timbers of Shorewood, a rental retirement community, provides independent and assisted living apartments and a full schedule of activities and services. Residents, whose needs may change, are able to stay in the same place and receive appropriate care.

For more information on respite stays at the Timbers of Shorewood, call (815)

609-0669 or visit the website at www.timbers-shorewood.com.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings at Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free blood pressure screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on the second Wednesday of most months at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next scheduled screening date is March 10.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, 708-422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).



The 'New' St. James was on display at the community Open House

Exciting demonstrations, announcements and discussions put new technologies, programs and capabilities on display.

The public was invited to come and see the new St. James Heart and Vascular Institute, St. James Comprehensive Cancer Institute, St. James Women's Unit and Newly Remodeled Lullaby Birthplace, and St. James Franciscan Medical Pavilion on February 14th.

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EP Library has programs

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Evergreen Park Library is hosting an evening of Irish music and dance on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00pm. The young and talented Irish dancers from O'Laughtin Academy of Dance will perform traditional dances from the Emerald Isle to music provided by Joe and Michael O'Shea on accordion and violin. Refreshments will be provided. Reservations are requested.

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Evergreen Office of Senior Citizens holds tea

OCS will be having tea in the afternoon on Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 4pm in March in room 108. School District 124 is hosting a computer class for EP seniors. The winter session will be held on Tuesdays (Feb. 24 through March 30) at Central Jr. High, 9400 S. Sawyer Ave. from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Fee is \$35. Register at the OCS office, room 107. 3450 W. 97th St. is the address. The course is for beginning computer students working at their own pace. Call 422-8776 for information.

Kindergarten Registration starts in EP

Kindergarten Registration in Evergreen Park elementary school district 124 will be on March 2nd from 9-11am and 1-3pm at the local

public schools. If unable to register your child on that day come to the Administrative Office, 9400 S. Sawyer, between the hours of 8am-2pm as soon as possible.

To expedite the registration process, a registration packet including medical forms is currently available at each elementary school. You will need an original birth certificate, a homeowners insurance/renters or apartment lease and two added items of identification defining proof of residency.

Aerosquadron Flying club

The 107th Aerosquadron R/C Flying club will meet at John A. Ormus Community Center, 7401 W. 75th Street, Bridgeview on Monday March 8, 2004 at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in R/C modeling is welcome. Call Scott at 708-532-0961. The Aerosquadron is a non-profit AMA sanctioned club promoting Sport Flying of radio controlled model planes.

St Laurence Mother's Club

St Laurence Mothers Club is hosting a Super Dabber Bingo on Sunday, March 7th. Doors open at 12 noon. The games begin 2pm at the high school 5656 W. 77th Street Burbank. Tickets are \$20 at 708-458-6900 x 411.

St. Fabian has speaker

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group in Bridgeview invites all to the speaker night on March 11, 2004. Caron Beissmann will speak on "Are You Listening". Doors open at 7pm, and the meeting starts at 8. The meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center 7450 W. 83rd St. Bridgeview. Call Tom or Marianne 708-499-5377 for further information.

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There have been various articles published stating that Oak Lawn wants to create another TIF area which would affect two blocks of established businesses on 95th street including 51st and 52nd avenue. The village has been telling these businesses for 7 or 8 years that they are going to take down their buildings and businesses. This has created a lot of stress, being treated as disposable commodities, for these business and building owners over the years. Further, now the village is saying sell to Mid-America development or we will take your buildings by eminent domain. The buildings are kept up and the businesses are

viable. These businesses are serving the community now. Acting Mayor Ron Stancic has stated national names are better suited for the heart of Oak Lawn. One questions whether Oak Lawn can successfully attract national names that are better suited for the heart of Oak Lawn. Hopefully, they are not thinking of more fast food establishments or any kind of tacky business.

Further, if the owners do not play ball with Mid-America, the owners may not be able to even rent from the new facilities. An article on Jan. 27, 2004 stated that if Mid-America acquires the properties, the development agreement gives the village the right to decide

who or what goes on the block. I would not like to think of the Board of Trustees as being bullies to get what they want, but if it acts like, sounds like, then

On Dec. 10, 1997, Mayor Kolb and the Board of Trustees including Trustee Keane, Rosenbaum, Stancik, Streit, Holesha and Joy passed an ordinance approving a New Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Oak Lawn. One of the items was "RETAIN COOK SCHOOL AS A CIVIC CULTURAL FOCUS IN THE SOUTHERN AREA OF THE HEART OF OAK LAWN". The Trustees of Oak Lawn must have forgotten about that as about a year ago, Cook School was sold for \$500,000.00 to Mid-America Investment & Development Co. of Oakbrook Terrace. I do not believe there were any bids on that property. Further, a pre-development agreement between the trustees and Mid-America was approved

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On Thursday, March 4, residents in the southwest suburbs have an opportunity to voice their support to bring a state-of-art hospital to the Orland area.

In 1991, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island purchased 66 acres at LaGrange Road and 171st Street with the vision of building a hospital to serve this rapidly growing community. That vision is now moving toward reality.

Our proposal to build a 130-bed hospital is being considered by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. The hospital will include 102 all-private patient rooms, a comprehensive emergency room, award-winning cardiac care, 16 intensive care rooms, and 12 obstetrics suites where women and their babies will stay from labor to delivery, until they go home.

St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island has served the southwest suburbs for 100 years and has long planned for a hospital in the Orland area. As a not-for-profit hospital,

our No. 1 priority is to provide high-quality, caring service to all patients. St. Francis Hospital-Orland will complement St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island, and medical staff will have privileges at both hospitals.

We were the first hospital in the southwest suburbs to offer open heart surgery and full cardiac services, and our nationally recognized Cardiovascular Program has been recognized by Solucient as a 100 Top Cardiovascular Hospital four times, including each of the last three years.

Many people refer to St. Francis as "The Hospital With Heart" because of our mission and dedication, as well as our heart program. We hope that you will raise your voice in support of creating another hospital with heart: St. Francis Hospital-Orland. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.stfrancisorland.com.

Sincerely,
Colleen Kannaday, President
St. Francis Hospital & Health Center

on Jan. 27, 2004, so that if Mid-America does not reach a quota of buying out 75% of the building owners, then the village would pay back Mid-America \$600,000.00, or \$615,000.00, or up to \$750,000.00 (depending upon which newspaper you read) for the Cook School property. Is that a "sweetheart" deal? Mid-America cannot lose. Is this a good business deal for Oak Lawn? Is it a want of the village trustees to create this Heart of Oak Lawn or a need for the village?

Further, the State of Illinois under Jim Edgar stopped funding TIF's in 1993 citing tough times and tough choices. Many lawmakers thought that the TIF program had strayed from its original intent of rebuilding blighted commercial zones and that it had been misused to finance "sweetheart deals" with local developers at state expense. Does history repeat itself?

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for the week of March 2nd: I use NumAstrology [combining Numerology w/ Astrology] & Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some of you get 2 messages. This column also online at TheDailyPsychic.Com and you can also visit Sherlockjacki.com

Happy Birthday Mike & Kent

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Think once, think twice, then stop questioning yourself and "go for it." B, K & N involved. Take a short trip.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If money is your only goal, "program" the word money into your mind, but be sure you say "how" much. A involved.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Go someplace special, spend the day, regain your values. Someone T or L could involve themselves in your personal business.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Don't say "Yes" until you have all of the facts. Something is not clearly outlined. S & L involved and a Leo.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: A spiritual dilemma is soon explained. See the movie "The Passion." Don't go alone! D & R aid. Meditate on "outcomes."

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: It's a gift, not a curse, to see into your tomorrows and problems. Speak your peace with an "air of conviction" as to how you deliver needed helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You have heard "if it walks like a duck...it usually is a duck." So, see things as they are, not as you'd like them to be. R.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Someone you have met or will meet, (a B, J or G) comes into your plans by "design" or predestination perhaps.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: Some of you will take someone's suggestion to purchase property. Travel is also discussed, go if you can. D helps.

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My Psychic Observations & Insights: You and Your Mind

You must finally convince or accept that your human mind is the most powerful tool you'll ever have. It designs and builds, it can formulate plans for success or healing, but unfortunately many people give in or up on themselves too soon. You can only claim victory when the thing you are working on or with has equal strengths as you have developed or will develop, otherwise it is a "hollow" victory, because you took advantage of your higher ground or found other intelligent data to make you win the challenge, whether that challenge is mental or physical. Be sure your opponent is not a babe still waiting to be weaned. Your opponent should not be 3'6" while you are 6'3" or so far financially not in your league. When you win the race or challenge because it is in your corner, and another is seeking a victory knowing they absolutely couldn't win, the disadvantage was a prerequisite to winning...unearned victories are a form of affirmative action - not earned, maybe without merit or skill, or just "taken."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Contemporary Service invites all

On March 13 at 12:45 pm, there will be a contemporary service at Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland.

Join in praising God and rejoicing in all he has given us.

For more information, call Linda at 708/641-6376



Photo: Voices of Democracy VFW Ruth Sorgenfrei-President (Aux.#5220), Catherine Morrin OL Teacher, David J. Vogar 1st Place Winner and Allen & Joan Vogar-parents.

VFW of the United States presents Voice of Democracy Award

The Voice of Democracy program has been held for over 50 years, helping high school students who might never have had the opportunity to go to college. Students record in their own voice, their essays but it must not be less than three minutes or longer than five minutes. A written copy is included.

On January 11, 2004, The 3rd District, Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Ladies Auxiliary held awards for their Voice of Democracy Program at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220 located in Oak Lawn. The theme this year was "My Commitment to America's Future." Students from 14 schools in the 3rd District sent in essays.

The first place winner, sponsored by Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220 located in Oak Lawn, is David J. Vogar, from Oak Lawn High School. His parents are Allen & Joan Vogar and his teacher is Catherine Morrin. The banquet is February 7, 2004 in Springfield. All 19 district winners will be recognized at the banquet and all will receive an award. 2nd place winner was James F. Webb from Marist High School sponsored by Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220 and 3rd place winner was Brian P. Dakuras from Brother Rice High School sponsored by Mc Donald-Linn-Chicago-Ridge Post #177.

St. Francis Hospital-Orland Public Hearing Set For March 4

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board has set Thursday, March 4 as the public hearing date for St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's proposed hospital in Orland Park. St. Francis encourages supporters to attend the hearing, which will begin at 10 a.m. in the Orland Park Civic Center's Exhibition Room, 14750 South Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

The state-of-the-art, 130-bed St. Francis Hospital-Orland is planned for the northeast corner of 171st Street and LaGrange Road.

"With the tremendous growth in population in the past decade, there is a real need for a hospital in the Orland area," said Colleen L. Kannaday, president of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, a not-for-profit community hospital in Blue Island.

About 200,000 people live in the primary service area for St. Francis-Orland,

which includes Orland Park, Orland Hills, Tinley Park, Oak Forest, Frankfort and Mokena. There are currently no hospitals in any of these towns.

The growth of the entire southwest suburban region - a 31-percent increase in the population of Orland Township alone from 1990 to 2000 - convinced St. Francis that the time to build a new hospital is now, said Kannaday. The 65 and over population, who are most in need of medical services, more than doubled during the same time period.

People who sign up at the public hearing will have an opportunity to testify and express their views about the proposed hospital. St. Francis Hospital invites people who wish to express support to call the hospital's Community Relations Department, 708-824-4560, for more information.

The new hospital will be

built on 66 acres of land St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island purchased in 1991 to meet the future health care needs of the Orland area. Plans for the hospital, which will create 500 jobs, include:

- 102 private rooms with private baths for medical and surgical patients;
- 12 obstetric suites where women and their babies will stay from labor through delivery and recovery, until they go home;
- a comprehensive emergency room;
- 16 intensive care beds for those who are very seriously ill;
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- two world-class cardiac (heart) catheterization labs for diagnostics and some treatment procedures.

Community residents can visit www.stfrancisorland.com to keep up to date on developments with the new hospital.

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John Noonan Farrell knows this better than anyone. He has seen, first hand, what abuse and neglect can do to a child. He has been a tireless advocate for the fair treatment of disadvantaged minors, and has dedicated his life to bringing them the dignity and justice they deserve.

John has a private law practice in Oak Lawn. He is also a prosecutor for the village of Oak Lawn as well as a Bar attorney in Juvenile Court.

The office of the Public Guardian is where John previously worked as an attorney representing abused and neglected children. Volunteering his time to the worthy causes of children is something that comes natural to him. He has put his skills as an attorney to good use as in helping the troubled kids at Valley View Correctional center. He has selflessly given his time to work with the Youth Service Team for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Single, young, pregnant women continue to benefit from his counsel as an attorney for the Courage program. John and his wife, the love of his life, are the proud parents of Tommy and Anne.

Being blessed with a solid family background filled with love, support, and opportunity, John has chosen to give back to the community through his endless involvement with the young and disenfranchised.

John is currently seeking the position of Circuit Court Judge in the Democratic primary on March 16, 2004.

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Missionaries speak at OL Aglow Lighthouse

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at the Oak Lawn Holiday Inn (room off lobby), 4140 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

Cindy Martin and her husband Bill will be the featured speakers. They were speakers here more than three years ago when they took a vacation from their ministry work in Latvia.

Cindy is a 1973 graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and Bill is a graduate of the Dallas Theological Seminary. He was pastor of Bethel Bible church for 9 years while Cindy was busy home schooling their children. They moved to Roga, Latvia to teach classes, pastor, and do missionary work at

the Riga International Bible Institute.

Cindy had colon cancer surgery last year and has finished her chemo treatments now. She and Bill will tell how their lives changed because of the illness. Bring a friend to hear how God worked in their lives and how they have been blessed.

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm For reservations and/or additional information, please call June at (708) 424-1656.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.

Oak Lawn Community Church children's clothing resale

On Saturday March 13th the Oak Lawn Community Church Annual Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, and maternity clothing) will be held. Sale is from 8am to 11am. Baskets are encouraged for shoppers. No children strollers are allowed until after 9am. The location is 9000 S. Ridgeland OL.

You are what you eat.



Most of us have probably heard that saying before, but dismissed it as an old wives tale. Now more than ever before, we understand that we really are what we eat. That's why it is so important to eat healthy. Today, a growing number of Americans are living longer than ever before, and while some signs of aging may be achy backs and graying hair, other less obvious signs are increased nutritional requirements. As you age, your calcium and protein needs increase. While maintaining a balanced diet is key, a few nutrients need extra attention as we get older.

Americans, ages 19-50, must consume at least 1,000 milligrams of calcium a day to be considered healthy. Beginning at age 51, your need for more calcium increases to 1,200 milligrams a day. Getting enough protein is just as important as getting the right amount of calcium for seniors. Protein helps the immune system to fight off infections and illness, as well as being able to repair and maintain body tissue and muscle mass. Generally women and men over the age of 50 should consume 60-75 grams of protein a day. This amount can

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Study is good news for fans of high-fiber apples

Eating a couple of apples a day may significantly cut heart disease risk, according to a new study of the health benefits of fiber consumption - suggesting that such high-fiber carbohydrates should be embraced, not avoided, experts say.

To estimate the association between dietary fiber intake and risk of coronary heart disease, researchers evaluated data from 10 prospective cohort studies in the United States and Europe involving 91,058 men and 245,186 women that measured the amount of fiber in participants' diets over a period of 6-10 years. Nine of the 10 studies reported an inverse association between fiber consumption and heart disease risk. For every 10 grams of fiber consumed per day, the risk of developing heart disease decreased 14 percent, and the risk of dying from heart disease decreased 27 percent. Fiber from fruits such as apples appeared to be slightly more protective than cereal fiber, lowering the risk of coronary disease death by 30 percent. Results were similar for men and women, researchers reported.

"Our results suggest that dietary fiber intake during adulthood is inversely associated with coronary heart disease risk," authors wrote in yesterday's edition of the Archives of Internal Medicine. "Coronary risk was 10 to 30 percent lower for each 10-gram per day increment."

The research team was led by Dr. Mark Pereira from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, and included Harvard School of Public Health's Dr. Walt Willett. The study was supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. (Source: Arch Int Med, vol. 164 no. 4; pp 370-376.)

Researchers did not identify a specific protective mechanism in this study, although fiber has been shown to reduce heart disease risk many ways, such as improving blood lipid profiles, lowering blood pressure and

improving insulin sensitivity, the study noted. Soluble fiber appeared to be slightly more protective than insoluble fiber, although the researchers cautioned those findings should be interpreted cautiously because not all studies estimated soluble vs. insoluble fiber intake.

Apples are one of the richest sources of fruit fiber. One medium, tennis ball-sized apple contains 5 grams of fiber, of both soluble and insoluble types, and one slice of whole-wheat bread contains 2 grams of fiber, according to Nutrition Facts for both products.

Findings challenge low-/no-carb diets

These findings make the case for increasing consumption of high-fiber apples and other foods for better health, joining previous research findings about high-fiber foods, the authors noted - and challenging the long-term wisdom of diets that discourage consumption of high-fiber carbohydrates in the process. "The recommendations to consume a diet that includes an abundance of fiber-rich foods to prevent coronary heart disease are based on a wealth of consistent scientific evidence," Pereira and his colleagues wrote in the journal.

"Quality of carbohydrates is important," said Dr. Dianne Hyson, R.D., a professor at Sacramento State

University, who is considered the nation's leading authority on apple health benefits research. "These findings indicate that consumers should embrace, not avoid, fiber- and phytonutrient-rich fruits like apples for their better health."

Library news from Acorn

Acorn Public Library in Oak Forest, presents Dr. Paul Varnas DC (Dr. of Chiropractic and author of "Practical Magic ending fatigue and restoring health naturally" will lead a discussion of the history of alternative medicine including homeopathy, chiropractic, acupuncture and naturopathy. The presentation is March 11, 2004 at 7pm. Books will be available for sale after the program.

On March 18 at 7pm, Barbara Skrubuton an interior designer will teach how to arrange existing furniture to better utilize space and feng shui.

The library is located 15624 S. Central Ave. 708-3700.

Church holds spaghetti dinner

The 35th Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be March 6, 2004 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5.50 adults and \$3.50 children in advance or at the door. Come and join for a great dinner. The church is 9701 South Brandt OL.

Senior topics

Blake-Lamb Funeral Home will hold its Senior Citizen meeting on Tuesday March 9th at 11am at Bethany Union Church, 103rd and Wood St. (Chicago). Joyce Gallagher, Commissioner of Chicago Department on Aging will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. All seniors are invited.

Oak Lawn Community Nutrition Network offers hot lunches at the senior lunch program served daily for a minimum donation served at 11:45am. Location is 9420 S. 52nd Ave. Call 708-422-5180 to make reservations.

St Rita Mother's Club meetings

A Chili Cook Off will be held on March 8, 2004 at 7:30pm. Prizes for the best Chili, and nominations for 2004-2005 officers will be held at the St Rita Mother's Club meeting. The mother-son dance is March 5, 2004 at Rosewood West Restaurant, 131st & Cicero, Crestwood, IL. Tickets are \$26 per person. Call Anne Russell (773-925-6600 to reserve your tickets. The Marti Gras in April Annual fashion Show and Dinner is Thursday April 1 also at the Rosewood West. Tickets are \$40 in advance. Call Mrs. Russell and RSVP by March 15. St Rita is located 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago.

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Preparing to Purchase

By Jon Jaroszewski
American Home Loans



Jon Jaroszewski

If you are thinking of buying a new home soon, an hour or two of planning right now can help to ensure you are able to buy on the best terms available—the best price, the best interest rate, and the most money left in the bank after closing—when you are ready to buy.

How you need to plan differs slightly depending on whether or not you are a first time home buyer, but everyone needs to pay attention to three areas; what does your credit report say about you, what does your paycheck say you can comfortably afford, and how much money do you need for a down payment.

Present Owners

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An hour with your Realtor® will give them enough time to do a market analysis, a net sheet explaining your profit from your present home after expenses, and any suggestions they might have for minor spruce-up projects to make your home more valuable or sell quicker.

The nicest thing about making these calls a few months in advance of listing is that you have time to mull over any decisions you need to make without the stress of a deadline looming in the immediate future.

First Time Home Buyers

You also need to call a mortgage professional, but you need a little bit more information when you make the call. How well you pay rent presently, and how much you pay, is the biggest predictor of how well you will be able to handle a house payment.

If you presently rent from a property management company, you will only need to provide the company's name and phone number.

If you rent from a private individual and have good credit, their name and phone

number is sufficient. If your credit is less than perfect, you will probably need to provide 11 consecutive month's cancelled checks or money orders showing you didn't have any 30 day late rent payments. If you haven't kept your previous bank statements to prove this, you can order them from your bank, but some banks may require a month to obtain this information from their archives. Rent receipts from your landlord are not an acceptable form of proof.

Today it is fairly easy to buy a first home with little or no money down, but planning HOW best to do it makes a huge difference in the interest rate and monthly payment. Zero down programs usually have an adjustable interest rate in the 7-9% range. Down Payment Assistance programs have fixed rates right now in the 5 1/2 to 6% area, and we will get you the down payment grant, guaranteed.

"Track" down a college for free

Prospective students travel free to campus visits when accompanied by full-fare paying parent or guardian. The process of selecting a

college is challenging enough without the added stress of planning travel to visit multiple campuses. Amtrak is doing its part to minimize this burden with a buy-one-get-one-free offer exclusively for prospective students and their parents or guardians.

The Campus Visit discount program, which enables high school juniors and seniors to travel for free when accompanied by a full-fare paying parent or guardian, has also been upgraded to allow students to make their travel plans online.

"Choosing a university is a major decision, and Amtrak has made it easier and more economical than ever to make that decision with the Campus Visit discount," said Barbara J. Richardson, Amtrak vice president of marketing and sales. "Whether it's a nearby state university or a parent's alma mater thousands of miles away, chances are the school is near one of the more than 500 destinations served by Amtrak."

Taking advantage of the Campus Visit discount is easy. Simply log on to www.campusvisit.com/amtrak.htm and complete the online form to receive a discount code to use when making a reservation online at www.amtrak.com or by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL.

Younger siblings, ages 2-15, may come along for half price using Amtrak's everyday children's discount. The offer is valid on most Amtrak trains nationwide.

To ticket a reservation, prospective students may visit any staffed Amtrak station or a local travel agent with their discount code. Complete instructions on redeeming an Amtrak Campus

Try to hold the line on health insurance premiums

This Way to Wealth
By David Hennings

Many individuals and businesses are going to be receiving an unhappy new year surprise in the form of higher medical insurance costs. Unfortunately most people are expecting some increase in these costs due to the fact that every year medical insurance costs have been increasing. The surprise this year might not be that health insurance costs are increasing, but the amount of the increase.

According to a survey conducted by Hewitt Associates, health insurance costs for HMO's in 2004 are expected to increase by 17 percent. This is an extremely high number and it will affect the bottom line of many individuals and businesses. Obviously, many individuals and businesses are exploring alternatives that will help keep the cost of health insurance affordable.

One alternative that many individuals and businesses

have been exploring is using a high deductible health insurance plan. The health care benefits of these types of plans are comparable to a traditional health insurance plan. The major difference is that each individual, or family, has a higher annual deductible, but the cost savings are substantial.

As an example, consider a family of 4, two adults age 40 and 2 children, using a traditional PPO with a \$1,000 deductible for each person up to a maximum of \$3,000 for the entire family. The cost of this type of policy was approximately \$542 per month last year. If this same family looked at a deductible plan of \$3,500 deductible for the entire family, the cost of that policy would be \$376 per month. This is an annual savings of \$1,860 per year which more than covers the additional \$500 deductible required.

Businesses also can establish a high deductible plan. A high deductible plan may not meet the needs of a busi-

ness because the employee would have to pay a higher cost in the form of a higher deductible than they are currently paying. But many businesses have added a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) to satisfy the needs of themselves and their employees.

The HRA is a very flexible program that enables the employer to reimburse employees for medical expenses on a tax-deductible basis. This way the employer can pay the portion of the higher deductible first and have the employee pay the remainder, which can be designed to pay what they are currently responsible for paying. The savings for a company can also be substantial even with the HRA.

With the increasing cost of health insurance, it is imperative that individuals and businesses research ways to provide for a cost effective plan that offers excellent benefits. If you would like to receive additional information on these plans, please call my office at 888-621-4916 or e-mail me at dhennings@sbcglobal.net

Visit discount may be found at www.campusvisit.com or by calling 1-781-431-7755.

Reservations are required at least seven days prior to travel, and the student and parents or guardians must travel together on the same itinerary.

Tickets may be upgraded to business class or to include sleeping accommodations for an additional charge. These special fares are not available on Acela Express, Metroliner, Auto Train, Downeaster, peak period de-

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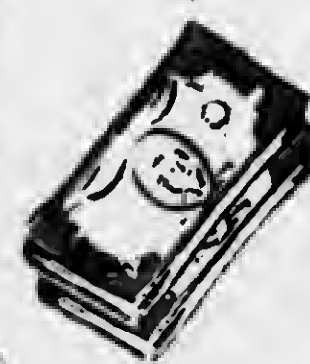
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Officers bowl to help kids

By Judi Giglio

Throughout the Chicago Police Dept. on Feb. 21st, bowling events were held at several different bowling alleys, one of which was Bluebird Lanes on 86th and Pulaski.

Policemen and women got together and bowled for kids. Some of the police even took off work to participate.

How do I know this? Because I have a family member who bowled.

With each officer collecting about \$70 apiece, they were able to raise \$80,000 for Big Brother Big Sister, a non-profit organization that helps kids.

Big Brother Big Sister is always looking for volunteers to be mentors for kids that need guidance.

For more information, you can visit them at www.bbbschgo.org.



Suey Chang, League senior program manager, Chow Yu Chen and Maria Pappas

Pappas celebrates 103 year old honorary Deputy Treasurer

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas celebrates the 103rd birthday of Chow Yu Chen at the Chinese American Service League. Chen still visits the League three times a week, with a Deputy Treasurer certificate and business cards.

Chow Yu Chen was born in China and lived in Hong Kong before coming to the United States in 1980. The service League assists senior members of the Chinese community with counseling, shopping, taking medicine and transportation. The League sponsored Pappas's visit.

an array of topics including operations, crimes against seniors, gang and drug awareness, understanding the criminal justice system and functions of the Cook County jail.

For more information or to register call the Sheriff's office 773-869-7725.

Sheahan sponsors academy

Sheriff Sheahan sponsors senior citizen law enforcement academy. The Academy meets on Monday afternoons 1-3pm through April 26th, when all participants will be honored at a graduation ceremony and reception.

Sheahan said "seniors of today are active, educated and concerned and are one of the country's greatest resources".

The eight session Academy provides information on



Sheahan and Griffin

Sheahan names new Inspector General

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan names former Chicago Police Commander and attorney Joseph Griffin as the new Inspector General in the Sheriff's Office. Griffin joins the Office after a 32 year career with the Chicago Police Department where he worked his way up to Commander of the 18th District. He replaces Joseph Shaughnessey who retired after 12 years.

As Inspector General, Griffin will oversee internal affairs in the Sheriff's corrections, police and court services departments. Also Griffin coordinates any investigation requiring legal action with the State's Attorney Office, the FBI or the US Attorney Office.

Griffin has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from IIT and a JD from John Marshall Law School. Griffin is the first attorney to hold the position since Sheahan created it after his first election in 1991.

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MVCC Board approves Blue Island education center

Moraine Valley will open its own education center in the fall in Blue Island complete with "smart classrooms" and a cybercafé.

The Board of Trustees at its meeting February 18 authorized the college to: •Establish the Moraine Valley Education Center at 12940 S. Western Ave. •Develop an agreement with Inland Real Estate of Blue Island to lease 7,000 square feet of space on the first floor of the Western Avenue building. •Complete plans for renovating the first floor.

"For the past three years, as a component of our strategic plan to enhance programs and services to the southeast sector of the college's district, we have studied the possibility of establishing our own facility," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. "We are delighted that we are now able to do so in Blue Island thanks to the efforts of our college staff and community

leaders and support of our board."

Moraine Valley currently rents classrooms to provide evening classes at Eisenhower High School in Blue Island, Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Evergreen Park High School, Argo High School and Heritage Middle School, both in Summit, and Century Junior High School in Orland Park. The Blue Island education center, however, will be the first off-campus facility to provide day, evening and Saturday classes.

The Moraine Valley Education Center at Blue Island will house five classrooms and an administrative/student area. The classrooms will include a computer laboratory, a multi-purpose health science classroom and three general-use classrooms. All of the classrooms will be equipped with the latest teaching technology such as a teaching podium that includes a computer with Internet connection, a DVD

player and a VCR. The administrative/student space will include a general reception/information area, private meeting spaces, an assessment/testing area, and a cybercafé for student computer access to the college's library, on-line delivery courses, email, and word processing software.

Moraine Valley will continue to offer evening classes at Eisenhower High School. "We will coordinate the offerings between the two sites so that we continue our strong enrollment at Eisenhower and grow the enrollment at the education center," Dr. Crawley said.

Enrollment has increased every year since Moraine Valley first offered classes in 1998. Enrollment this spring is 536 students, a slight increase over the fall enrollment of 515 students but an 11 percent increase over spring 2003. The continued enrollment growth was a leading factor in the college's desire to find a separate facility so day and Saturday classes and student support

services could be offered.

The college also will provide student services at the education center-general information about academic programs, assistance with admission, assessment/testing, registration and financial aid. Advisors will be available to help students with more in-depth advising and more in-depth financial aid assistance on an appointment basis.

"We are excited about what this opportunity can mean for Moraine Valley and residents and businesses in the southeast area of our district. Blue Island leaders are working very hard to enrich their community, and we believe Moraine Valley's education center fits in quite well with their plans," Dr. Crawley said. "We look forward to enhancing our relationship with the community."

Local graduate in Freedom Corp

Christopher Kerzich of Bedford park and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Kerzich has the distinction of working as a member of the U.S.A. Freedom Corps. in Washington D.C. this past fall. The group fosters an American culture of service by partnering the federal government and not-for-profit, business, educational and faith-based sectors to begin that process.

Kerzich, who is a 2001 graduate of St Laurence High School, currently attends Marquette University in Wis-

consin where he will graduate in 2005 with a degree in political science.

Christopher was one of 700 students who applied for the three month service position and was among the 90 that were accepted. During the three months he worked on its newsletter and also was at a function where both our Vice President and President Bush attended together.

Kerzich also performed 50 hours of community service before leaving for his D.C. position. While there he also heard Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice speak as part of a senior staff speaker series.

Christopher's father is the chief fire administrator for Bedford Park. The college student said he would like to follow in his father's work and community service ethic.

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Beverly Arts University Club

The Beverly Arts announces the fifth annual Irish film festival to be held March 5-7, 2004. The three-night festival will showcase seven films, representing the best in Irish filmmaking. Special guests are David Kelly and Milo O'Shea, stars of *Mystics*, which is making the US premier. A festival pass can be purchased for \$50, \$45 BAC members and includes all screenings and the opening night reception. Individual tickets are \$10, \$9 BAC members. For tickets call the box office at 773-445-3838 or visit the web site www.beverlyartcenter.org. The Oscar-nominated film *In America* is sold out for Saturday March 6 at 4:30pm. They have added a Monday, March 8 at 7:30 pm performance. Sunday March 7 the classic film *The Rising of the Moon* will be presented at 2pm.

The Beverly Arts University Club Scholarship Foundation will present Fiddler on the Roof at the new twelve-million-dollar Beverly Arts Center March 26-28. Over sixty potential artists auditioned for the various parts. Play producers are Bob and Christy Graham and Marjorie McCaw and Tom Fagan. Elaine Cosgrove and Joe Collins are the business managers. Director/choreographer is Cassie Dawe.

University Club Scholarship Foundation has been awarding college scholarships to local high school students for 79 years. Two years ago the 1000th scholarship was presented. The total value over these many years in current dollars exceeds one million dollars.

Beverly Arts Center is located at 2407 W. 111th street Chicago.

Beverly Arts Center of Chicago debuts Dublin born self-taught artist Karl Mullen's "The Quiet Man" exhibition beginning March 3 and continuing through March. This is in conjunction with the Irish film festival. Mullen resides in Pennsylvania and he began his career as a painter. His works are displayed around the country.

The hilarious follow-up of Mike Houlihan's "Goin East on Ashland" opens

March 10. It is called "Tapioca". "Tapioca", a comedic experiment set to music, is hilarious about being broke on the streets of Chicago. It spotlights the BAC March 10 to 17 for seven performances. Houlihan is known for his columns in the Chicago Sun Times and The Irish American News as well as a writer and star of "Goin East on Ashland" play.

Casts of Irish players keep the laugh and shenanigans coming while allowing "Tapioca" to bridge the generation gap. Chris Hart, son of Kitty Carlisle and the late playwright Moss Hart direct "Tapioca".

Graduate returns to Chicago

Following sold-out engagements in London and New York City, Broadway's smash-hit comedy *The Graduate* starring Loraine Bracco, Jonathan C. Kaplan and Devon Sorvari comes to Chicago's Shubert Theater, 22 W. Monroe St. February 24-March 14, 2004.

Based on the 1967 Oscar-winning film, this hilarious coming-of-age story is about an innocent college grad who is seduced by an older woman has been called a triumph, rich, full and funny.

Loraine Bracco, Jonathan C. Kaplan and Devon Sorvari as the mother seductress, college student and daughter gave not so convincing performances. The laughter in the audience was most pronounced male.

The most enjoyable music from the 60's was great. The seductress scenes are tastefully done with dimming lights and tassels, strategically placed. In *The Graduate* film from the 60's is noted that American film may never be quite the same.

Dustin Hoffman then an unknown actor was cast as the innocent Benjamin. The risk catapulted his career and was a bold casting move and he got an Oscar. Jonathan C. Kaplan in the play portrayal is not equivalent to Hoffman. Anne Bancroft as the seductress Mrs. Robinson in the movie received an Oscar. Loraine Bracco as the seductress Mrs. Robinson is not very good in attempting to give a convincing performance. The play is a product of the 60's and hence

Amusements & Theater

by Marijo Doody



portrayed a child sent to prep school and an Ivy League school choices made on how he looked and was a mess from birth-a manic depressive, neurotic kid.

The audience more than likely never saw the movie in the movie houses as the average 70%+ were not born when the movie was released. Hooray for video and now DVD's for classic old film. Some of the critics in the audience did not like the production. For the theatergoers, it is better to rent the video. I do not recommend the play. (Neither do the major paper critics).

Bulls and Verizon team for non-holiday food drive

Verizon Wireless and the Chicago Bulls team up to host a second annual HopeLine wireless phone drive on Saturday March 13, 2004. The same evening, donations will be collected to support the Bulls' non-holiday food drive benefiting Greater Chicago Food Depository. Monetary donations will also be accepted at all gates at the United Center.

The basketball game will be the Lakers vs. the Bulls. Gates open at 6pm. Tip off is 7:30pm.

Lyric Opera News

The performances for the 2004.2005 golden jubilee have been announced. They are as follows: Don Giovanni, Das Rheingold, Aida, The Cunning Little Vixen, A Wedding, Fidelio and Tosca. In addition the complete Ring Cycle will be performed. For this season's

last performance of Lucia di Lammermoor, Scott Ramsay will replace Marcelo Alvarez. This year's production was absolutely fantastic. The French soprano who sang Lucia, Natalie Dessay was superb.

Adler Planetarium

Adler Planetarium's exciting new StarRider Theater show, *The Future is Wild*, looks at Earth millions of years in the future, as it might exist, without the presence of humans.

The Future is Wild will alternatively surprise and intrigue audiences. The science is both breathtaking and fascinating to imagine.

The Future is Wild tells of 8-ton squids roaming the Earth after all the continents have merged into a single huge landmass.

The show brings to life the habitats and creatures of up to 200 million years from now.

Some of the film's wonderful, hypothetical creatures came from the detailed advice of a specialist in biomechanics.

Museum hours are Monday-Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm. Saturday and Sunday hours are 9am to 4:30pm. Admission fees are adults \$7, seniors \$6 and children 4-17 \$4. The sky show is an additional charge.

Political Drama comes here

The Adler Planetarium is located 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Phone is 312-922-STAR.

Barbara Gaines directs explosive political Shakespeare's *King John* from March 20-June 6, 2004 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Performances will be held in Chicago Shakespeare's Courtyard Theater. Leading the cast is Greg Vinkler in the title role. This is his 25th production with CST.

Performances begin on March 20 with previews. Tickets are \$42 to \$62. The box office phone is 312-595-5600.



Dutch artist Rembrandt Van Rijn

A Day with Rembrandt

By Robert P. Workman
(Contributing Art Editor)

Rembrandt's *Journey, Painter, Draftsman, Etcher*, is a must for any art lover and we would hope for all Chicago and South Suburbia school children hold Diplomas from the Ecole Du Louvre Paris (School of the Louvre). Yet I learned more about Rembrandt's Journey from this Exhibit than I ever knew. Be warned that there is a lot to see and a magnifying glass is needed. A number of works are very small, and the detail is hard to believe.

Rembrandt's skills have lost nothing with time. The Exhibit has no age, but great meaning. Many of the works have not been seen before (and may not be for some time to come after the Exhibit). This is only one reason to spend a day with Rembrandt.

The Art Institute of Chicago offers a great deal to those who will enter the Exhibit. There are workshops and books in the Museum Store for all ages. The catalog is a work of itself. The tour is great. The real art is the key.

To stand next to drawings and works created by a master is always something special. To view in person the master's use of light in the paintings allows the individual to discover a different world. Not because of the age of the works, but because of care, talent and soul that is representative in these works.

From February 14-May 9, 2004, Chicagoans have a great opportunity to view something of a different age in art and an evolution of a master with his keen-eyed observation of his world and his time to the landscapes. Rembrandt's *Journey* is an example of why Art Institute of Chicago is a jewel of the city. Tickets are available by calling 312-930-4040

on the web and at the Institute itself along with Ticketmaster. Ticket prices are \$12 Monday-Thursday and \$15 Friday-Sunday. This includes Museum admission.

If you don't have the time make it. This is something special! I spent the day and intend to go back. For teachers and everyone interested, there are books and materials in the Museum Store that may open new doors to young and old alike!

In order to understand the future of art, we must understand the past. To appreciate neither is simply the downfall of all what mankind has stood for!

Symphony Center News

The Emerald Isle meets Americana at Symphony Center when the Chieftains return to Chicago on Friday March 5.

The program features both traditional Celtic music and early American country music or what Chieftain founder Paddy Moloney refers to "bluegrass/green grass connection".

This is the groups 42nd US tour. Tickets can be purchased by calling Phone Charge at 312-294-3000 or by visiting the box office at 220 S. Michigan Chicago.

Moraine Valley programs

On March 5-7 at 8pm on Friday and Saturday and 3pm Sunday in the Oremus Theater Master Class will be viewed. Opera great Maria Callas is about to teach a master class to a group of excited yet nervous students.

Tickets are \$11 adults and \$9 seniors and students. On Saturday March 13 at 2pm *Diary of Ann Frank* will be in the Dorothy Menker Theater. This is an opportunity for young viewers to experience theater and Ann Frank. Tickets are \$9 adults and \$7 children.

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Poetry & Harmony concert to be held

Imagine a luxurious poetry reading set to symphonic music. The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra led by Maestro Carmon DeLeone will perform its Poetry & Harmony concert featuring special guest narrator Nick Clooney on Saturday March 13, 2004.

The concert begins at 8pm at the Center for Performing Arts, Governors State University, University Park. Tickets are \$25-\$65 and are available by calling 708-481-7774. All seats are reserved.

Narrator Nick Clooney is the father of noted actor George and brother of Rosemary. He is the former host of the American Movie Classics Cable Channel. He will be reading poetry of the sensual poetry of Omar Khayyan set to music by Alan Hovhaness.

The program will also have music by Leo Delibes from Sylvia and Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4.

Early concert-goers are invited to a 7:15 free pre-concert with music expert in Sherman Recital hall

Drury Lane Oakbrook

The hilarious musical Lucky Stiff will play at Drury Lane Oakbrook from March 12 to May 16, 2004. This is the first show of the 2004-2005 season. Ray Frewen will direct.

Actors are Stephen Colella, Cristen Paige, Chris Petschler and James Harris as the stiff.

Performance schedule are Wednesday at 8pm, Thursday at 2 and 8pm, Friday at 8:30pm, Saturday at 5:30 and 9pm and Sundays at 2:30 and 7pm. Tickets are (show only) from \$22 to \$26 (depending on day of week). Box office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday through Saturday 9am to 8pm and Sunday 11am to 7pm. Reservation number is 630-530-0111. All major credit cards are accepted.

Porchlight Music Theater

Porchlight Music Theater caps its 2003-2004 season with Amadeus, directed by L. Walter Stearns with musical direction by Eugene Dizon, as the final production of the season. The play by Peter Shaffer with music by Mozart, will play March 13 to May 9, 2004 at the Theater Building, 1225 W. Belmont, Chicago.

Many of us remember the great movie Amadus, which won an Oscar. Set in the opulent and splendor of 18th century Vienna, the funny play pits blazing human ambition against heavenly genius.

Performing in the leading rolls are Artistic Associate Bill Ingraham as Salieri, Brendon DeMay in his Porchlight debut as Mozart and Brooke Sherrod as Constanze.

Tickets are priced at \$25 and \$21 for students and seniors. Box office phone is 773-327-5252. For more information on the Theater call 773-325-9884 or visit the web at www.porchlighttheater.com.

Navy Pier hosts Characters

The weekend of March 6 and 7, surprise Sesame Street Characters will appear.

Visits will be held in half-hour increments beginning at 11am and ending at 3:30pm.

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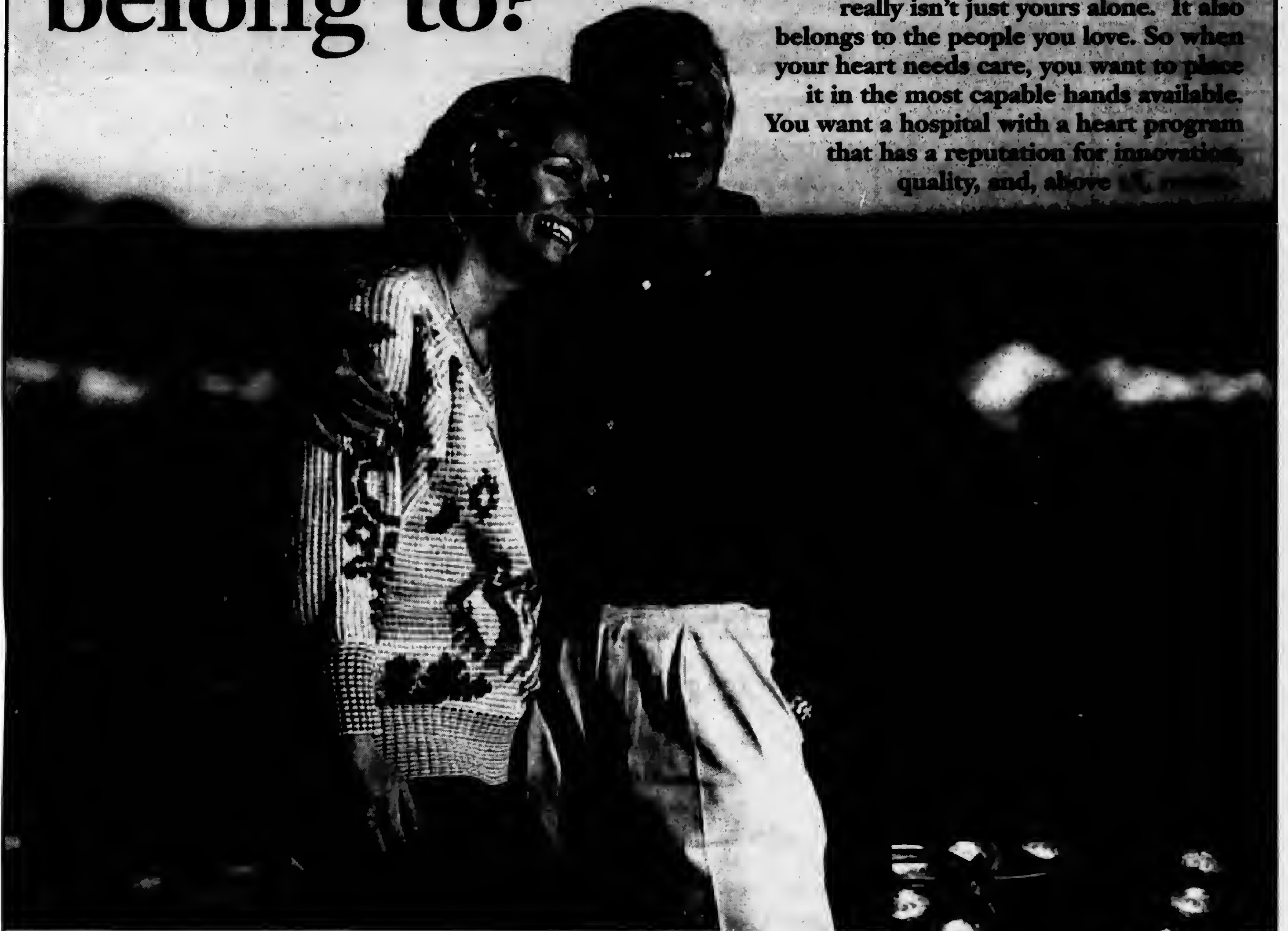
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Orland Park, Mokena Park District reach agreement

By David Vognar

For months, the line had been drawn in the sand. On one side was the Mokena Park District, claiming the legal allegiance of those who live in Orland Park or unincorporated Cook County as well the park district's boundaries. Orland Park, on the other side of the dispute, was angling just as passionately for the identity-plagued citizens and their tax dollars. In the end, the conflict, rife with governmental red tape and legal jargon, was solved peaceably. In some respects, both sides won.

The village approved its part of the landmark agreement on Monday, February 16, to allow those multi-municipality citizens in Cook County to petition to disconnect from the Mokena organization and ally themselves with Orland.

For its part, Orland will pay the park district \$600,000 over a four year period. However, as stipulated in a copy of the inter-governmental agreement obtained by the Village View, the village may not encourage or abet "any Will County property owners in disconnecting from the park district."

The victory clears up both population and logistics issues for Orland; it also clarifies notoriously complicated taxation dilemmas.

After settling what many deemed to be purely overly drawn-out angst, Orland's officials finally breathed a sigh of relief. "I think this village has been working on this for a very long time," commented Trustee James Dodge.

Dodge expressed his

gratitude for the hard work of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gackey, both of whom devoted time and patience in seeing the hairy border row to an end. Dodge also thanked State Senator Christine Radogno for her diligence in representing Orland's interests in the matter at the General Assembly in Springfield.

The conflict gave rise to countless impassioned fits of border wrangling, interventions by state ombudsmen and even threats of legal action. That the village was able to avoid a messy legal suit is a victory in and of itself.

"I think we owe a word of thanks . . . for all the work that was done," said Trustee Ed Schussler. Schussler went on to laud the village's staff for its part in the recent diplomacy.

Mayor Dan McLaughlin wasn't shy either, especially for his appreciation of Radogno's assistance. "The process was extremely frustrating," he said, "but Christine Radogno did an awful lot for us in Springfield. It was drawn out, but at least we settled it."

Other stipulations under the agreement provided for the Mokena Park District and its ability to put a stopgap on other villages seeking similar escape clauses. Mokena made sure that other properties currently located in both Tinley Park and the park district did not qualify under Orland's negotiation agreement.

In other news, the village approved for McDonough Associates to begin its second phase of design engineering for the Metra bridge over LaGrange Road, with a price tag of \$430,700. The village also formally hired McDonough for not more

than \$100,000 to coordinate the efforts of the village's Metra Triangle plan, its long-term scheme to create a central hub in the city.

In addition, the village approved a measure to offer a 15 year lease to Sprint Com, Incorporated for use of the 13605 Cherry Lane water

tower. The lease amount—\$2,185.45—will be funneled directly into the village's general fund deposit, making it available for use by both the internet technology interests of the village and its continuing effort to purchase and preserve open parcels of land.

It's a business shake up in Oak Forest

By David Vognar

This spring season promises big changes for the business landscape of Oak Forest, especially as one of the city's primary grocery stores, Dominick's, plans to pick up its stakes and another nouveau business could, according to community development coordinator Robert McNeil, "provide Oak Forest with a true destination spot."

In a surprise move that shocked and angered the City Council, Chicago's corporate Dominick's center decided in late February to close its Oak Forest location at 5556 159th Street by March 13. Although the city had been suspicious of the store's closure for two years prior to the official announcement, Oak Forest had always been reassured that Dominick's was in "no danger of closing," said Mayor Patrick Gordon.

But Mayor Gordon felt so betrayed by Dominick's uncooperative about-face that he asked Oak Forest residents to boycott the food chain and send their Fresh Value cards to City Hall to be delivered in protest to Dominick's corporate center.

What angered Gordon and his fellow ombudsmen more than the loss of jobs incurred by Dominick's departure was the way in which the food-chain store exited. Currently, Dominick's still

has the rights to 14 years on its 20-year lease signed in 1996, when Oak Forest put up \$4.5 million in Tax Increment Financing bonds for the creation of the 159th Street shopping center.

Dominick's can hold on to the lease for its duration, causing the city to lose out on valuable sales tax dollars and forcing the declination of property values in the surrounding area. This, in turn, would lower the city's property tax revenue.

The city, according to Mayor Gordon, went out on a limb for the grocer that it envisioned to be the "anchor store" of the bond-funded shopping center. But no such amiable gesture was extended to the city by the departing Dominick's officials; on the contrary, Oak Forest may be forced to condemn the remaining years on the lease and buy out a portion of it.

Nevertheless, there still remains a somewhat auspicious outlook for Oak Forest's business sector. A new theatre company, called the Proscenium, will soon be operating out of the Java Connection / Salsa Grill at 15711 South Cicero. The current coffee house - cum - restaurant will be housing a 55-capacity theatre venue within an amended site plan.

Owner Jose Sanchez plans for his theatre to showcase small, performing arts plays and off-Broadway

works. Much like a candlelight theatre, the Proscenium will tentatively serve dinner at around 5 p.m. and a show at 7 p.m. The evening show is now scheduled for 9 p.m.

The addition to the current business most likely will be supplemented by access to the Metra parking lot on 157th Street. Although the Proscenium is still in its initial stages, it could be a one-

of-a-kind type of business for the suburb.

In other news, the city will sanction absentee voting for the primary elections to be held March 16. Oak Forest residents may cast absentee ballots any time up to and including March 15. City Hall's hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Village of Orland Park Farmers' Market planned

Applications Are Now Being Accepted for 2004 Season

The Village of Orland Park is anticipating spring and busy making plans for the 2004 Farmers' Market season. This year's market will open on Friday, June 11th and continue every Friday through October 8th from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Village Complex, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The market is open rain or shine.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2004 season. The village welcomes producers of fresh fruits and vegetables, jams, jellies, sauces, nuts, breads, pastries and other gourmet foods, as well as cut flowers and potted plants. Other items include soaps, jewelry, candles, garden stones, kitchenware, sewn items and more.

Vendors may reserve a 20 x 20 space at \$125 for the season with a limit of two spaces per vendor. Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs and tents.

Trustee Kathy Fenton, who initiated the market three years ago said, "Each year we've seen the market grow with more vendors and more shoppers. It's been exciting to provide this service for our community and see so many people participate in it."

In addition to a wonder-

ful variety of products offered, a popular attraction at the market is Farmer Frank's Barbecue Lunch. Each week through August, barbecue lunches including hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and chicken will be available for purchase at a nominal price. Proceeds benefit the village's Special Recreation Program. The village also invites community organizations to participate as lunch sponsors to raise funds for their groups.

Each week kids can play in the free Dino Jump and take home a colorful balloon.

For more information about reserving a space or sponsoring one or more of the weekly lunches at the 2004 Farmers' Market, please call (708) 403-6145.



Jacki Mari

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prediction on page 8

Put your best foot forward

By Dr. Athanasia Sarros

Diabetic footcare is another integral part of a podiatrist's practice. Often, diabetes can first commonly present in the foot as numbness or tingling. Diabetes can cause circulatory and nerve damage that can allow the diabetic patient to be more prone to infection. Therefore, it is very important that a diabetic patient practices preventative diabetic footcare. A podiatrist is able to provide the diabetic patient with an individualized treatment plan for diabetic footcare.

Many people believe that foot pain is normal; however many foot problems can be treated successfully and the pain from foot ailments can be relieved. If you experience any foot problems, you can make an appointment to be seen in the office by a podiatrist, Dr. Jeffery Betman or myself, Dr. Athanasia Sarros. In order



Dr. Athanasia Sarros

to better serve your footcare needs, there are three Chicagoland locations with the closest being 6745 West 63rd Street, (773) 788-0100 Website: www.mydoctor.com/jbetman.

TP Library welcomes kids

Department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites kids ages 8 through 11 to learn about the continent of Australia Wednesday, March 10 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. Registration for Tinley Tourists begins Monday, March 1 at the library or by phoning

532-0160 x125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Reform brings changes to elections

March 16, 2004 - General primary election

Orland Park Village Clerk David P. Maher has recently received the following information from Cook County Clerk David Orr regarding changes in elections brought about by passage of the federal Help American Vote Act (HAVA):

1. Provisional Voting: Voters who believe they are registered but whose names do not appear on any registration records will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot on Election Day. Provisional ballots are sealed and delivered to the Cook County Clerk's downtown office where staff determines if those individuals are registered. If so, the Cook County Clerk's office will count the ballot and adjust the vote totals for each race.

2. Registration Requirements: Under HAVA, the Cook County Clerk's office must confirm the identity of first-time voters who register using the mail-in form. If a voter does not include an Illinois driver's license number on the form or a copy of acceptable ID with a name and current address, he or she will most likely have to show ID at the polls before voting for the first time.

3. Election Equipment: Cook County voters will still use punch cards to cast ballots during the 2004 elections. Unique to Cook County, this system is equipped with error-detection technology that scans each ballot card for possible errors and gives voters a "second chance" to fix mistakes. The Cook County Clerk's office is currently looking at securing federal funds to replace the punch cards by 2006.

For more information, call Clerk Maher's office at (708) 403-6150.

Professor Robert Betz, "Mr. Prairie", comes to Orland

Northeastern Illinois University professor emeritus, Dr. Robert F. Betz, is one of the foremost prairie experts in the Midwest, and he's coming to Orland Park. On March 7th at the Orland Park Civic Center, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Orland Grassland Volunteers and the Village of Orland Park will host a free event, "What is a Prairie?—An Afternoon Chat with Professor Robert Betz."

"We are delighted and honored that Dr. Betz has agreed to share his prairie excitement and experiences with us", said Pat Hayes, Orland Grassland Volunteer. His teachings have inspired thousands of people to study, protect and restore the plants and animals of our native grassland. "It's sad to think

that most people don't even know what a prairie is", said Pat. "They've never seen it because what's left is so rare and remote."

The Orland Grassland is the largest grassland restoration site in Cook County, and one of the largest in the region. Owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, important parts of its management are the responsibility of the volunteer stewards. To learn more about the programs and work groups of the Orland Grassland Volunteers, visit their website at

www.orlandgrassland.org. For more information about the event, call Pat Hayes at 708-460-8270 or Ferhat Zer in at the Village of Orland Park, 708-403-6115.

According to the study, young volunteers who gained personal satisfaction from their experiences were nearly twice as likely to volunteer again than those that did not. This indicates great potential for adults to increase the likelihood of repeat youth volunteer activities by making more valuable opportunities available.

"Personal satisfaction comes from volunteer activities that use and stretch the abilities of youth volunteers while allowing them to see the impact of their personal contributions," said Steven A. Culbertson, president and CEO of Washington D.C.-based Youth Service America, a resource center committed to making youth service the common experience for all youth in America. "By making these types of valuable opportunities available for young people, adults can play an important role in planting the seeds for lifelong community service."

The study also suggests that recognizing the work of youth volunteers can help support their desire to participate again. While personal satisfaction was the strongest predictor of future activities, external recognition plays a secondary role in many instances. Among youth who did not derive high personal satisfaction, those who did receive external recognition were twice as

likely to continue their volunteer activities.

The study findings come as Kohl's Department Stores announces its fourth annual Kohl's Kids Who Care program, which rewards scholarships to recognize outstanding youth volunteers from around the country. Ten national finalists will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for their post-secondary education.

To nominate a young volunteer for a Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship, complete a nomination form at any Kohl's store or at www.kohls.com. The nomination deadline is March 15, 2004. Nominees must be between the ages of 6-18 at the nomination deadline and will be judged in two age groups: 6-12 and 13-18.

Two winners will be selected at each store — one from each age range — to receive a \$50 gift card. Those winners will go on to compete for one of 114 regional scholarships worth \$1,000 each. Regional winners will compete for one of the 10 national scholarships. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a non-profit organization on behalf of each national winner. National winners will be announced in July, 2004.

For a list of store locations, or for additional information, visit Kohl's Web site at www.kohls.com.

Adults can help young volunteers make a difference

Great potential exists for adults to play an important role in retaining youth volunteers by providing more stimulating, valuable and fun volunteer opportunities for young people, based on the results of a new study of youth volunteers, commissioned by Kohl's Department Stores in conjunction with Professor Leonard Bickman of Vanderbilt University.

A study, one of the first to explore the issue of volunteer retention directly, found that the strongest indicator of intent to volunteer again is a sense of personal satisfaction derived from past volunteer efforts. Indicators of personal satisfaction include: feeling as if one had done something valuable, learned something one did not know, had a lot of fun, helped somebody or a cause in which one believed, met nice people and made a difference.

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Ready to do Wallstreet

By Carlene O'Connor

You don't have to go to New York to visit the Stock Exchange to get the best stock advice. Good tips are available right here in our own town at our Edward Jones Office. There are over 8400 offices in the country. Employment wise, they have been rated number 4 as the best to work for by Fortune magazine. In the previous year, they were number one.

In Fortune's Jan 5th, 2004 edition, the study's authors cite Edward Jones for its profit-sharing program and significant employee ownership. This is the fourth consecutive year that Edward Jones has remained in the top 10 of this prestigious ranking.

The Fortune "100 Best" ranking is employee-driven, with two-thirds of the scoring based upon how randomly selected employees respond to an anonymous survey designed to measure the quality of workplace culture. The remainder of the score is based on an in-depth analysis of company culture and human resources practices.

At the office in Palos Hills, Scott Johnson is a CFP which stands for Certified Financial Planner. He had two years of study and a two day comprehensive exam. He is professional, smart and down to earth with his clients and deals with each on an individual basis. All portfolios are tailored to the individual and their needs and wants when they come to the office.

For the young couples, his recommendation is to start saving as soon as you can. Even if it is as little as \$50 a month.

On the other hand, middle-aged couples have to make sure their retirement is on track and that they are putting away enough to meet their goals.



Scott Johnson

Anyone curious about investing, or who has a question, can stop by the office at 10039 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, or call (708) 599-4818. They are glad to help you.

Edward Jones has ongoing seminars which are very educational and beneficial for the beginner. Call today for the next scheduled event.

Palos Village Players hold auditions

The Palos Village Players will hold auditions for their spring show "A One Act Buffet" 8pm on March 9 and 11 at All Saints Lutheran Church 13350 LaGrange Road, Orland Park. Steve Bell of Evergreen Park will direct a series of one-acts that will include the chilling 1940's radio drama Sorry Wrong Number. There will be a mix of comedy, mystery and drama. The show will open April 30th at the Palos Recreation Center. Men and women of all ages are invited to try out. Experience is helpful but not required. Enter from the rear parking lot of the church. For further information call 708-636-0363.

PACES here to help

PACES (Parent and Child Education & Support) will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 16th at 9:30AM at the Palos Park Presbyterian Church, 123rd St. & 88th Ave. in Palos Park. PACES invites you to their open lecture by the Pediatric Psychology Associates of Oak Brook on the topic of understanding your infants emotions.

Upset emotions can disturb your infant's normal patterns of eating, sleeping and behavior. Join them to learn how to adjust to those erratic mood swings and how parents can cope and help our infants cope with a chronic illness or trauma. They will give tips on how to reduce emotional behaviors like fussy eating and inconsolable crying. Refreshments will be served, babysitting will be available by reservation. PACES is a not-for-profit organization centered on providing education, friendship, and support to new parents and babies through age 5.

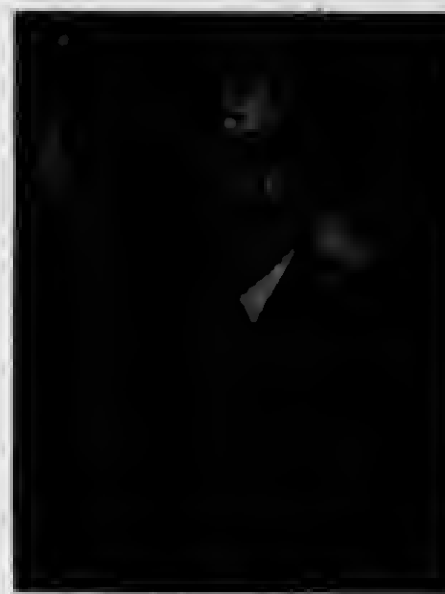
PACES is also currently selling table space to local and home business vendors

for their Tuesday, April 20th, 7PM meeting at the Palos Park Presbyterian Church, 123rd St. & 88th Ave. in Palos Park. Tables are 8 foot long and power is available. Vendors will provide table covering, displays and power cords. Reserve a table to sell your product at our meeting for \$25 by calling Victoria at 708-598-9415. Current reserved vendors include Mary Kay, Avon, The Pampered Chef, Beth's Vests and Bibs, and more.

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The Palos/Orland/Frankfort region includes the Southwest Suburbs. It offers monthly lectures, parenting seminars, playgroups, parent and tot outings, baby-sitting co-ops, monthly newsletter and much more.

For additional information and/or to reserve babysitting for the meeting please contact Dana Bogathy 708-952-0867 or DanaFromPaces@aol.com



County Commissioner John P. Daley

Daley announces St. Pat's Dinner Dance

County Commissioner John P. Daley announces St. Patrick's dinner-dance

Newly elected President of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago announces the 103rd Annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance that will be

held at the Hilton Chicago Grand Ballroom, 720 S. Michigan. Cocktails are at 6pm and dinner at 7:30pm.

Dennis Gannon, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor is chairman of the event.

Entertainment will be the City Lights Orchestra, Mary Sue Redman, Trinity Irish Dancers and the Shannon Rovers.

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Tickets go on sale

United Methodist Church Worth will be having their Super Spaghetti Dinner March 6, 2004, from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Tickets are \$6 adults and \$4 children (5-11) under 5, free. Carry-outs are available. Church is 7100 W. 112th Street, Worth.

Green Hills Public Library serves Palos Hills families

Spring Crafts

Green Hills Public Library is once again holding a Spring Craft Workshop for children ages 6 - 10. This workshop meets Wednesday nights at 6:30, March 10, April 14, and May 12. Please stop in or call Youth Services at 708-598-8446 ext. 19 for more information and to register.

Trash or Treasure

Rex Newell returns to Green Hills Public Library March 24, 6:30 p.m. for our annual antique and collectible evaluation program. Registration begins March 2. This popular program is limited to 40 people, so stop in to register and pick up your admission ticket at our Reference Department.

Reading brings a sweet reward

Green Hills Public Library says, "Thank You" to the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Shop for donating a 25lb 2-foot high chocolate bunny for our Adult and Youth Spring Reading Club. For every three books you read between March 9 and April 28, you will be eligible for a raffle ticket. The drawing for the rabbit will be held on April 29. Please register at Adult or Youth Service or call 708-598-8446 for more information

Giant Book Sale

The Friends of the Green Hills Library will hold their

Spring Used Book Sale Saturday March 27 through Saturday April 3, during regular Library business hours. Although the library is closed on Monday, the book sale will be OPEN from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. That makes 8 full days for the sale. Stop in and look through our collection of hardcover and paperback books, videos, books-on-tape, CD's, records, & more. There will also be a pre-sale for Friends of the Library ONLY on March 27 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Membership applications will be accepted! The sale will take place in the library's downstairs meeting room at 8611 West 103rd Street, Palos Hills.



Dr. Athanasia Sarros

Put your best foot forward

By Athanasia Sarros

Diabetic footcare is another integral part of a podiatrist's practice. Often, diabetes can first commonly present in the foot as numbness or tingling. Diabetes can cause circulatory and nerve damage that can allow the diabetic patient to be more prone to infection. Therefore, it is very important that a diabetic patient practices preventative diabetic footcare. A podiatrist is able to provide the diabetic patient with an individualized treatment plan for diabetic footcare.

Many people believe that foot pain is normal; however many foot problems can be treated successfully and the pain from foot ailments can be relieved. If you experience any foot problems, you can make an appointment to be seen in the office by a podiatrist, Dr. Jeffrey Betman or myself, Dr. Athanasia Sarros. In order to better serve your footcare needs, there are three Chicagoland locations with

the closest being 6745 West 63rd Street, (773) 788-0100 Website: www.mydoctor.com/jbetman.

Southside Garden Novices meet

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday March 9 at 7pm in the Chicago Ridge Village hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland (East entry). Planning the season is the topic. For information call 708-636-7931.

Mt. Greenwood Garden Club at the Mt Greenwood library will hold the program Mike Nowak, actor, radio personality and gardening columnist for Chicago Land Gardening magazine as he talks on gardening, environmental responsibility and life in six plus years as host WGN Radio "Let's Talk Gardening". The program is March 11, 2004 at 11010 S. Kedzie, Chicago at 7pm. Non-member cost is \$2. For information call Nancy 773-429-1141.

Philharmonic Gallery of Art

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra announces Impressions: A Gallery of Art Inspired by Music. This is a fine art exhibit of bowls, platters and vases created by

11 Chicago Southland artists. It will be showcased March 8, 2004 Wine Tasting, Courtyard Bistro, 21 White Street Frankfort from 6-8pm. Call 708-481-7774 for reservations. Also March 13, 2004 - Poetry and harmony Concert, Hall of Governors, Governors State University, 7:15-10pm. March 19 to April 2, 2004 at Union Gallery, 1655 Union Street Chicago Heights. For further information call 708-481-7774.

Adults can help young volunteers make a difference

Kohl's Department Stores Kicks Off Fourth-Annual Kohl's Kids Who Care Program

Great potential exists for adults to play an important role in retaining youth volunteers by providing more stimulating, valuable and fun volunteer opportunities for young people, based on the results of a new study of youth volunteers, commissioned by Kohl's Department Stores in conjunction with Professor Leonard Bickman of Vanderbilt University.

The study, one of the first to explore the issue of volunteer retention directly, found that the strongest indicator of intent to volunteer again is a sense of personal satisfaction derived from past volunteer efforts. Indicators of personal satisfac-

tion include: feeling as if one had done something valuable, learned something one did not know, had a lot of fun, helped somebody or a cause in which one believed, met nice people and made a difference.

According to the study, young volunteers who gained personal satisfaction from their experiences were nearly twice as likely to volunteer again than those that did not. This indicates great potential for adults to increase the likelihood of repeat youth volunteer activities by making more valuable opportunities available.

"Personal satisfaction comes from volunteer activities that use and stretch the abilities of youth volunteers while allowing them to see the impact of their personal contributions," said Steven A. Culbertson, president and CEO of Washington D.C.-based Youth Service America, a resource center committed to making youth service the common experience for all youth in America. "By making these types of valuable opportunities available for young people, adults can play an important role in planting the seeds for lifelong community service."

The study also suggests that recognizing the work of youth volunteers can help support their desire to participate again. While personal satisfaction was the strongest predictor of future activities, external recognition plays a secondary role in many instances. Among youth who did not derive high personal satisfaction, those who did receive external recognition were twice as likely to continue their volunteer activities.

"Creating opportunities for kids to volunteer and providing recognition for their efforts is key to raising the levels of youth service and spreading the benefits of volunteering," Culbertson said. "The Kohl's study quantifies the benefit of creating valuable, personally satisfying opportunities, which leads kids to remain active volunteers beyond their first experience."

The study findings come as Kohl's Department Stores announces its fourth annual Kohl's Kids Who Care program, which rewards scholarships to recognize outstanding youth volunteers from around the country. Ten national finalists will receive a \$5,000 scholarship for their post-secondary education.

To nominate a young vol-

unteer for a Kohl's Kids Who Care scholarship, complete a nomination form at any Kohl's store or at www.kohls.com. The nomination deadline is March 15, 2004. Nominees must be between the ages of 6-18 at the nomination deadline and will be judged in two age groups: 6-12 and 13-18.

Two winners will be selected at each store — one from each age range — to receive a \$50 gift card. Those winners will go on to compete for one of 114 regional scholarships worth \$1,000 each. Regional winners will compete for one of the 10 national scholarships. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a non-profit organization on behalf of each national winner. National winners will be announced in July, 2004.

"We hope to see young volunteers being nominated year after year because it's an indicator they have continued to be active in their communities," said Julie Gardner, senior vice president of marketing at Kohl's. "Kohl's Kids Who Care recognizes the efforts of young volunteers and rewards them for their contributions."

The Kohl's Kids Who Care volunteer recognition program is part of the company's Kohl's Cares for Kids program, a community outreach which raises funds for children's hospitals, features fundraising gift cards for local schools and non-profit youth groups and provides an associate program to encourage volunteerism.

Kohl's commissioned Dr. Leonard Bickman to design and analyze the study. Bickman is Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean for Research at Peabody College, Vanderbilt University's college of education and human development. The Kohl's study has an error rate of plus or minus five percent.

Based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., Kohl's is a family-focused, value-oriented specialty department store offering moderately priced national brand apparel, shoes, accessories and home products. The company currently operates 542 stores in 36 states. For a list of store locations, or for additional information, visit Kohl's Web site at www.kohls.com.



Opera Karaoke

Be a Diva! Be a Tenor! The Southwest Chapter of Lyric Opera invites you to an afternoon of Opera Karaoke on Sunday March 7th at 2:30pm at Palos United Methodist Church, 121st Street and Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights. Refreshments will be served.

Information is available from Vee at 708-403-4014 or Virginia 708-423-9633.

Lyric Opera 2004-05 programs

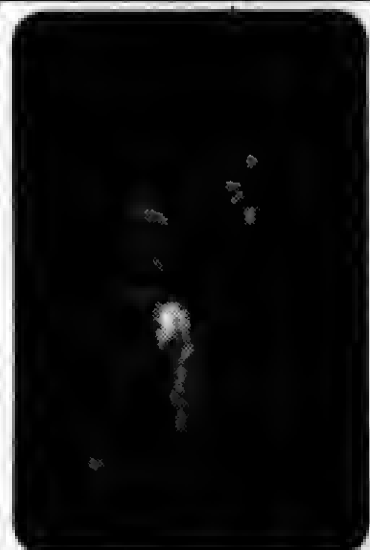
Lyric Opera of Chicago announces its Golden Jubilee Subscriptions and the 2005 Ring Cycle tickets on sale. Announcements have gone to subscribers. The company expects its Golden Jubilee Season to attract opera lovers from around the world. A roster of international artists, conductors, directors and designers have been engaged to honor Lyric's rich history while showing the top operatic talents of the company's present and future.

The Lyric Opera can be contacted at 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago at 312-332-2244.

Lewis University troupe performs.

Lewis University's Student Improv Troupe will perform Mindless Chimps on Thursday March 25 and Friday March 26, 2004. Eight students will entertain with clever audience participation improv games and hysterical comic sketches. The performances are at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5 for general admission. The Philip Lynch Theater is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. For information call 815-836-5480.

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Tax Referendum proposed for Evergreen Park School District

By Matt Mayer

Dr. Craig Fiegel, Superintendent of School District 124, outlined the need for a tax increase at the March 1st Evergreen Park Board Meeting. A referendum for this increase will appear on the March 16th ballot. Fiegel stated District 124 has been very lucky to have great community support as well as a good working relationship with the village. He went on to say that school board has budgetary concerns and that the school district has now reached the point of deficit spending in which their expenditures are exceeding their revenues.

The board determined the projected deficit would continue to grow, which in turn would cause their projected savings to be liquidated in approximately 3 years. Fiegel stated that the only source of revenue other than approximately 19% that comes from the state is property taxes. The board made a decision in December to ask for an increase - the district is asking for a 71-cent increase on each \$100 of assessed valuation. This will result in a projected revenue increase of \$2.5 million, which will essentially cover our budget for 2005-2006 Fiegel said. This would equate to an approximate \$240 annual increase on a home with a \$200,000 valuation.

Mayor Jim Sexton stated the village is working with Springfield on a daily basis to resolve some of the inequities in the funding system. However it appears that not much is being accomplished.

Sexton said this village and the board has been proactive with development such as the property at 87th and Kedzie Ave. This development will be put on the tax roles. He said that the development of Wal-Mart at 95th and Western Ave would also generate additional tax revenue as well as the project at 95th and Kedzie Ave.

Sexton said "The village has been aggressive with development. We have been very leery of giving out (TIF) money - we did one on 95th St a few years ago, because we thought it was vital to the reconstruction of 95th St. In this case we either lose it or (TIF) it. When a developer comes in here and talks about (TIF) money, it's normally the last thing that we will consider. There is no (TIF) money involved in the current projects. This is the last course that we would use due to the problems the schools are incurring." Sexton said.

The following business registration certificates were approved: Dr Mark Sack, DPM, PC (Podiatrist) at 3759 W. 95th Street-Suite 5, Sunset Mortgage Company, L.P. at 3317 W. 95th Street - Suite 204, Hats Up, retail sales of men's hats and accessories at the Plaza, and a business certificate for a new owner of the White Hen at 3440 W. 95th Street.

The board approved a request for the annual Independence Day Parade on July 2nd. A request from Red Wing shoes for a sidewalk on August 7th and October 2nd was also approved. The board approved a request from residents for residential



Acting Mayor Ron Stancik helps in kitchen at Oak Lawn Nutrition Center, 9420 S. 52nd Ave., on March 1st. This was the kick off a month long celebration of the addition of the lunch program for seniors to the "Older American Act. in March of 1972.

For more information, call 708 / 422-5180

Oak Lawn Fire Department presents Recognition Awards

By Matt Mayer.

The Oak Lawn Fire Department presented Connie Sonzski, Michael L. Schmitz, Nancy Williams and Acting Fire Lt Michael Orrico special recognition awards at the March 9th Board of Trustees meeting. On the morning of February 20th Connie Sonzski noticed smoke coming from the house behind her on Normandy Ave. Sonzski called 911 and drove around the block. She noticed that the occupants were unable to escape down the stairs due to the severe smoke in the

parking on the south side of the 3500 block of 98th St.

The board approved bid opening for the 2004 street resurfacing project, which will encompass 7.7 miles and is slated for this summer. The deciding bid will be read publicly on March 30th at 10

home. Sonzski found that the residents had an extension ladder in their garage and she placed the ladder in front of the home.

A neighbor Nancy Williams and a passer-by, Michael L. Schmitz, offered their help - they raised the ladder to two different windows. A woman was able to escape safely as well as a man from each window. Oak Lawn Fire Engine 27 arrived on the scene 3 minutes after the 911 call was placed. Acting Lieutenant Michael Orrico ascended the smoke filled stairwell to search for

a.m. in the village chambers. The board awarded a contract to Crowley Shepard for the Standard Bank off street parking on 94th St. in the amount of \$139,890. The next meeting of the Historical Society will be March 31st.

Evergreen Park Youth Commission News

Spring cleaning... with spring in the air, it's time to think about having your yard raked, the garage cleaned, lower-level windows washed and grass cut. Call the youth department, we have kids looking for jobs. 708/229-3377

Lady panther basketball...girls in 7th & 8th grades can still sign up for the "Lady Panther" basketball league, which is played at the activity center on Saturdays, beginning March 20. Call the youth commission for more info

Drop in Center"...is open for all 5th thru 8th graders who wish to hang out with friends shouting pool, playing arcade, ping pong, air hockey, sega, and playstation 2 games. We're open Monday thru Friday, from 3:00-5:00 pm at the community center, 3450 W. 97th St. Room 105.

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other occupants. He located a man unconscious but breathing. Orrico, with the aid of Firefighter Paramedic Colantone, were able to move the man to a second floor window. The man was passed thru the window to Acting LT Jeff McCasland and Firefighter McMillin, on to LT Chris Bennett who carried the man down the ladder. The Firefighters moved the man to an advanced life support ambulance and began their treatment. The man was treated at Christ Hospital for severe smoke inhalation and was released within a few days in good condition.

The board approved a request for front and side yard variations at 8937 S. Parkside Ave. The contractor, Daniel O' Donnell, ignored the existing setback ordinances and therefore the new ordinance requires O'Donnell to pay a \$500 fine. He also must have a staked survey performed for any site he plans to build on, prior to issuing permits.

The board approved the following two proposals submitted by the finance committee from Metro Transportation Group: a traffic study

of the commuter parking lot and the surrounding area in the amount of \$7,500 as well as a proposal from Walker Parking Consultants for engineering services related to the proposed parking deck in the amount of \$17,000. An eligibility study/report for the proposed Commuter Parking Lot/Station TIF District is available for review in the village clerk's office. An ordinance increasing the commuter-parking fee from \$45 to \$65 for 2004 and to \$75 for 2005 was also approved. The finance committee has determined that these increases are consistent with other communities' fees.

The board approved a recommendation to award a contract extension for sidewalk and curb construction to Crest and Sons as well as a request for a Class 1 liquor license for TGI Friday's at 5420 W. 95th Street. Absentee voting is being held in the clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The polls will be open March 18th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m.

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News about our local service personnel

Air Force Reserve Air-
man Joseph W. Strezo has
graduated from basic mili-
tary training at Lackland Air
Force Base, San Antonio,
Texas.

During the six weeks of
training, the airman studied
the Air Force mission, orga-
nization, and military cus-

tom and courtesies; per-
formed drill and ceremony
marches, and received physi-
cal training, rifle marksmanship,
field training exercises,
and special training in human
relations.

In addition, airmen who
complete basic training earn
credits toward an associate

degree through the Commu-
nity College of the Air Force.
He is the son of Nancy
Vandervliet of Ballycastle
Lane, Tinley Park, and
Charles Strezo of W. 115th
Place, Chicago.

Strezo is a 1996 graduate
of Tinley Park High School,
and received an associate
degree in 1998 from Envi-
ronmental Technical Insti-
tute, Blue Island.

Air Force Cadet Ashleigh
K. Thomas has earned hon-
ors with placement on the
Dean's List at the U.S. Air
Force Academy, Colorado
Springs, Colo., for demon-
strating excellence in aca-
demic studies and maintain-
ing a 3.0 or better grade point
average for a semester.

The academy is a four-
year military institution of
higher learning that provides
instruction, education, train-
ing and experience in aca-
demics, military training,
aviation and airmanship pro-
grams, physical training, ath-
letic conditioning, and spiri-
tual and ethical development
to all cadets.

Upon graduating, the ca-
dets are commissioned as
second lieutenants whom
have acquired the knowl-
edge, character and skills es-
sential to meet the leadership
challenges of the 21st cen-
tury as career officers in the
U.S. Air Force.

The cadet also won hon-
ors with placement on
Athletic's List, was selected
as squadron superintendent,
and was on an exchange pro-
gram at West Point. Thom-
as is pursuing a bachel-
or of science degree in be-
havioral science at the academy.

She is the daughter of
Warren and Deborah Thom-
as of Pebble Drive, Palos
Park.

Thomas is a 2001 gradu-
ate of Carl Sandburg High
School, Orland Park.

Marine Corps Cpls. Will-
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Cantore and Marine Corps
Private Hugo Gonzales, re-
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pounds of hashish. This has
an estimated value of \$11
million, and was seized after
intercepting a small Arabian
sea vessel in the North Ara-
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the 13th Marine Expedition-
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Camp Pendleton, California.

The interceptions are de-
signed to hinder the fund-
ing of terrorist organizations by
denying the use of the seas
for smuggling of illegal con-
traband. This is the third
such interception by mari-
time forces in recent weeks.

Henning is a 2000 gradu-
ate of Oak Lawn High
School, Cantore the son of
Marilyn & Anthony of Ever-
green Park and joined the
Marines in 2000. Gonzales
a 2001 graduate of Richards
High School is the son of
Marcy and Guillermo and
joined the Marines in 2001.

Air Force Airman Mia D.
Ogburn has graduated from
basic military training at
Lackland Air Force Base,
San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of
training, the airman studied
the Air Force mission, orga-
nization, and military cus-
tom and courtesies; per-
formed drill and ceremony
marches, and received physi-
cal training, rifle marksmanship,
field training exercises,
and special training in human
relations.

In addition, airmen who
complete basic training earn
credits toward an associate
degree through the Commu-
nity College of the Air Force.

Ogburn is the daughter of
Joe E. Ogburn of Sippel
Drive, Tinley Park.

In 2002, she graduated
from Victor J. Andrew High
School, Tinley Park.

Marine Corps Pfc. Jeremy
L. Captian, son of Lisa M.
Captain of Oak Lawn, and

Marine Corps Pvt. Nicholas
M. Latona, son of Joyce E.
and Ronald J. Latona of
Bridgeview, recently com-
pleted 12 weeks of basic
training at Marine Corps Re-
cruit Depot, San Diego de-
signed to challenge new Ma-
rine recruits both physically
and mentally.

Captian and Latona began
their training at 5 am, by run-
ning three miles and
performing calisthenics. In
addition to the physical con-
dition program, Mandile
spent numerous hours in
classroom and field assign-
ments which included learn-
ing first aid, uniform regula-
tions, combat water survival,
marksmanship, hand-to-hand
combat and assorted weap-
ons training. They performed
close order drill and operated
as a small infantry unit dur-
ing field training.

Captian, Latona and other
recruits also received in-
struction on the Marine
Corps' core values--honor,
courage and commitment,
and what the words mean
personally and in profes-
sional conduct.

Captian, Latona and fel-
low recruits ended the train-
ing phase with a 54-hour,
team evolution culminating
in an emotional ceremony
where he was presented the
Marine Corps Emblem and

addressed as "Marines" for
the first time in their careers.

Captian is a 1999 gradu-
ate of Oak Lawn Community
High School of Oak Lawn.

Latona is a 2003 graduate
of St. Rita of Cascia High
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Pictured from the left are staff members, Antonio Quintanilla and Steve Levy, Commis-
sioner Cynthia Santos, Ken Kirk, Executive Director of AMSA, and Thomas O'Connor,
Chief of Maintenance and Operations.

AMSA receives Peak Performance Platinum Award

The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) recently announced the
awarding of the Peak Performance Platinum Award to the Maintenance and Operations staff
members of the Calumet Plant. The Platinum Award is received after receiving five gold
Awards for the past five years. The plant serves a population of about one million people
living in a 300 square-mile area, covering the South Side of Chicago and South Cook County
Suburbs. It has been in service since 1922 and is under a National Pollutant discharge Elim-
ination System permit.

Commissioner Santos said, "The improvements in water quality in the Chicago River are
a result of the outstanding work done at the Calumet Plant to comply with our permits and
keep pollution out of the waterways. The District is committed to maintaining and improv-
ing our operations to protect the water environment for the citizens of Cook County."

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Commissioners Gloria Alitto Majewski and Terrence J. O'Brien

Award presented to M.W.R.D.

The American Society of Civil Engineers recently presented the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago with the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement of the Year Award. The Award was presented during the 87th Annual ASCE Dinner Meeting.

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President, announced that the award was presented to the M.W.R.D. for its Transitional Reservoir located in Thornton II.

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, Chairman of the Finance Committee, participated in the acceptance of the coveted award stated that "the 9,600 acre-foot Transitional Reservoir provides flood protection and water quality improvement for an area of approximately 94 square miles, which includes several of Chicago's southern suburbs."

The Shedd Aquarium has news

The Shedd Aquarium has released a notice for high school students a chance to explore the underwater world of the Bahamas with the Shedd's Future Marine Biologists summer program.

The high school marine biologist program offers 30 high school students a three-week long educational experience with hand-on experiments, classroom time and a research excursion to the Bahamas.

The program costs \$1600, including airfare to and from Miami. Full and partial scholarships are available. Call 312-692-3159 for information and possible registration.

Breakfast at the Shedd Aquarium while learning about dolphins and beluga whales is scheduled for April 3, from 8 to 10 (dolphins) and April 17, from 8 to 10 (whales).

Reservations are required. Call 312-692-3333. Aquarium members call 312-692-3284.

Member admission is \$30 adults, \$25 children 3-11. Nonmember is \$40 adults and \$35 children 3-11. Children under 2 are free. Seating is limited.

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Museum Contemporary Art brings back dancers

Mark Morris dance group returns to the Museum Contemporary Art from April 1 to April 4, 2004. The April 1st is scheduled with a benefit performance preceded by a buffet dinner and discussion. Cost is \$100 and the dinner is 6pm. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are \$40 or \$32 for MCA members.

The Mark Morris dance group performs with live music. For tickets, call the Museum Contemporary Art box office at 312-397-4010 or visit mcachicago.org. \$10 student rush tickets are available on performance day, and subject to availability. Free MCA museum admission is on performance days with ticket stub.



Left to right: Ed McElroy, who emceed the reception; Gene Callahan, father of the Queen; Cook County Board President John H. Stroger; Jennifer Callahan, St. Patrick's Day Queen; and Peggy Callahan, mother of the Queen.

Abdullah to address comed retirement club

Askia Abdullah, who handles the Public Relations and is the Press Secretary for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago, Wednesday, March

17 at 9 am at the Oak View Center Board Room, 4625 W. 110th Street, Oak Lawn. Donald Delany, coordinator, announced that Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

In his position, Askia is

responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector. He circulates press releases concerning issues

and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of Deeds at public forums.

He received his Jurist Doctor Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.

St. Pat's Day celebration held

President John Stroger of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, along with Finance Chairman John Daley, recently hosted a reception in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Joining Stroger and Daley at the reception were Cook County Commissioners, elected officials and special guests. Illinois Appellate court Judge Anne Burke was honored for her diverse legacy of achievement, in addition to a posthumous award saluting the late political writer Steve Neal.

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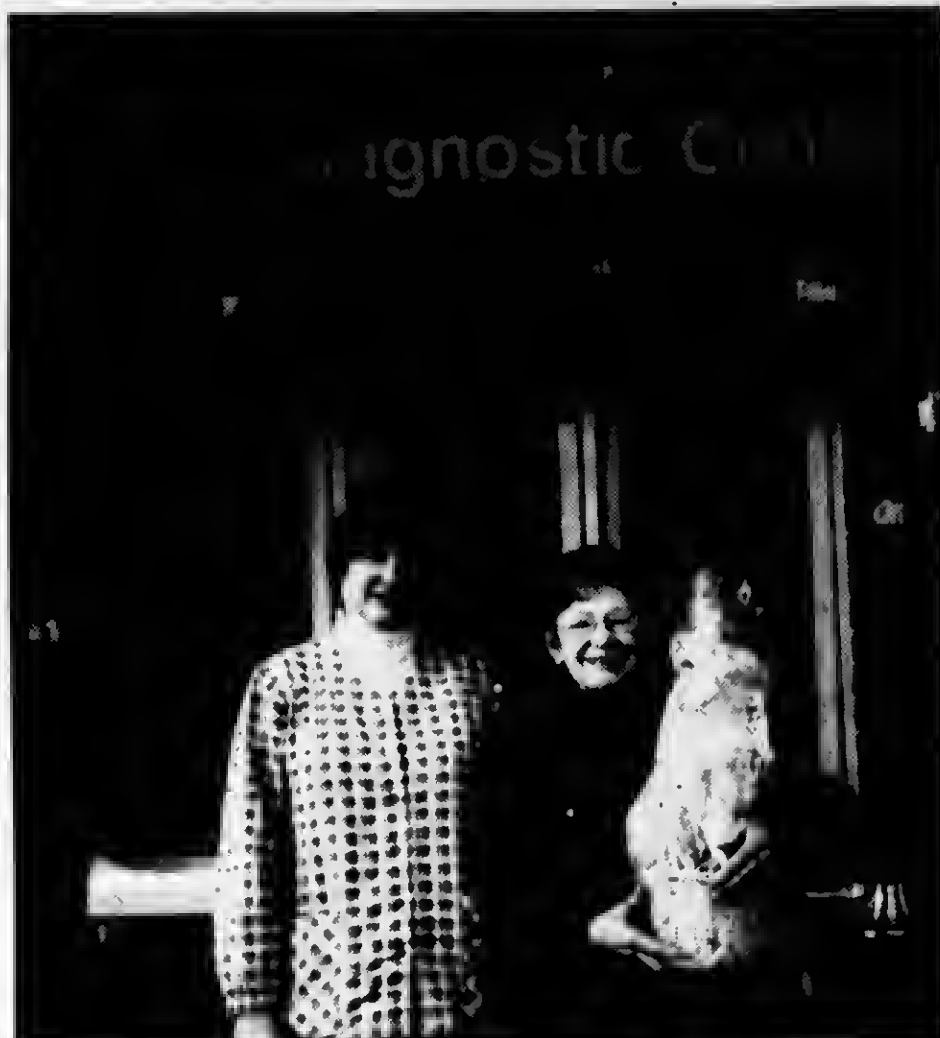
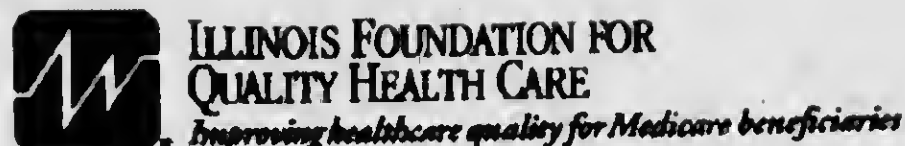


Photo: Little Company of Mary Hospital's Diagnostic Center Coordinator Denise Battle and Frieda Klein of Worth.

Little Company of Mary celebrates 10,000 patient

Little Company of Mary Hospital's Diagnostic Center celebrated its 10,000th patient for a routine visit. Frieda Klein lives in Worth and like many southwest suburban patients, she is pleased with the nearby Palos Heights location. This month the Diagnostic Center staff celebrates the facility's 3rd anniversary. It is located at 12432 S. Harlem and open from 8am to 4:30pm. To call for an appointment, 708-361-8003.



Medicare's Nursing Home Quality Initiative Releases Enhanced Set of Quality Measures

The Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care (IFQHC), a Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO), announced today that an enhanced set of quality measures, now featured on Medicare's Nursing Home Compare Web site, is making it easier than ever for consumers to compare the quality of care provided in Illinois nursing homes. The enhanced measures and other upgrades to the Nursing Home Compare Web site are available at www.medicare.gov.

Nursing Home Compare and the quality measures are part of the Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI), launched in 2002 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an

agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Initiative demonstrates CMS's ongoing commitment to improve quality of care through accountability and public disclosure.

The 14 enhanced quality measures, including 11 for chronic and three for post-acute care, are endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF), a voluntary standard-setting consensus-building organization representing providers, consumers, purchasers and researchers.

Aligning with NQF recommendations, CMS is posting the enhanced set of quality measures to the Nursing Home Compare section of www.medicare.gov. Upgrades to Nursing Home Compare make it more user-friendly and easier to navigate. Consumers can now search by distance from a city or ZIP code and by nursing home name, allowing them to print maps and directions for the nursing homes they select. The Web site is also

available in Spanish.

Many nursing home facilities in Illinois have already made significant improvements in the care provided to residents by taking advantage of the materials and the support from IFQHC. For example:

Mother Theresa Home, Lemont, IL

Mother Theresa Home is a non-intensive home but is participating in the IFQHC Collaborative: Control of Pain in the Elderly. Prior to attending the collaborative the facility did not utilize a pain assessment form for their cognitively impaired residents. Now their team has completed PDSA cycles that address the need to complete a detailed assessment on at least two long-term care residents with cognitive impairment who are members of the pilot population each week, until all 19 are completed and treat any assessed pain as ordered. The team focused on three residents on the eve of their quarterly review. The current assessment tool was included in all admission and

readmission packets. It was found during this PDSA cycle that residents with complaints of horrible pain were not properly assessed. To improve this a pain assessment will be completed on any resident who complains of pain daily or horrible pain.

Another PDSA cycle was begun with the goal of recognizing and treating pain in the resident with cognitive impairment. To encourage and document licensed staff/nurse to assess for pain, a physician's order to "Monitor for c/o pain and observe for signs/symptoms of pain q shift, while awake" was obtained from the Physician/Medical Director.

More information on the enhanced measures can be accessed at Medicare's Web site, www.medicare.gov, by clicking on the Nursing Home Compare link, or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

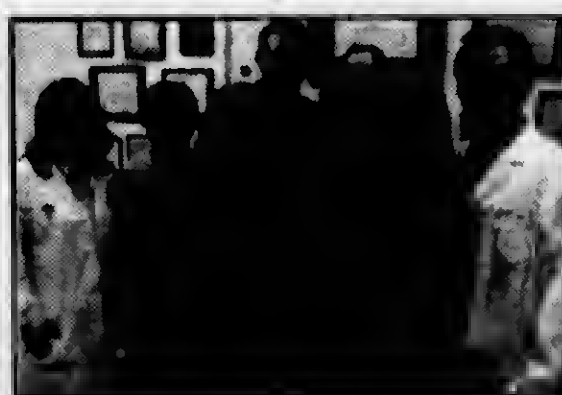
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The population in Orland Township where St. Francis Hospital-Orland will be located increased by 31.3 per-

cent from 1990 to 2000 - more than five times the population growth experienced in all the suburban

townships in Planning Area A-4

The population in Orland Township also aged much more rapidly during the 1990s than the population in the total Planning Area. The population aged 65 and older increased by 111 percent from 1990 to 2000, which was more than 10 times the increase in all the suburban townships of the Planning Area, in which the population aged 65 and older increased by 10.6 percent.

St. Francis Hospital-Orland is being proposed as a relocation of an unused portion of St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's bed capacity. St. Francis proposes to transfer 102 Medical/Surgical beds and 12 Obstetric beds when St. Francis Hospital-Orland becomes operational, thus the new hospital will not exacerbate the excess beds that the IHFPB has determined to exist in Planning Area A-4.

Based on analyses of current and projected needs in the Orland area, St. Francis is proposing 16 Intensive Care beds for the new hospital.

Existing hospitals are misdistributed within the Planning Area, resulting in insufficient hospital services near the proposed site. Even though the IDPH has determined that there are excess medical/surgical and obstetric beds within the Planning Area most of those beds are located in the eastern portion, and few are located near the southwestern corner.

The Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council has estimated that an additional 4,500 inpatient beds will be needed in the Chicago metropolitan area by 2020 in order to accommodate population growth and aging.

500 new jobs are ex-

pected to be generated by St. Francis Hospital-Orland

The primary service area for St. Francis Hospital-Orland is Frankfort, Mokena, Oak Forest, Orland Hills, Orland Park and Tinley Park, an area that, for the most part, is not in the primary service areas of other hospitals.

Patients who will seek care at St. Francis Hospital-Orland will be primarily patients of physicians who have relocated and opened office in the area southwest of St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island. Patients will be better served in a more accessible location. These physicians have provided letters included in the St. Francis Certificate Of Need indicating that they will refer patients to the new facility.

There are more than 200,000 people in the primary service area for the new hospital.

The first full year of St. Francis Hospital-Orland's operation will be 2008, and

the hospital is projected to reach target occupancy and utilization levels during its second full year of operation in 2009.

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When the library reopens, a brief ribbon cutting ceremony will commemorate occupancy of the new addition. Patrons will then be able to enter the newest part of the library and experience picturesque window views of the Village Green, one centralized Circulation Desk for the checkout of all materials, the drive-up book drop, more public seating and two additional group study rooms. Also at that time, the library's new Raymond Avenue entrance will be open and operational, providing more convenient access from the west side.

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The Orleans Place section will convert the area to a

non-stop Mardi Gras party. Four of the five new rides will be in this section including the 13th roller coaster Ragin' Cajun, lived entertainment and restaurants. More information on Six Flags Great America 2004 season can be found online at sixflags.com.

laborating with the AMNH in spring 2003.

Music tracks from the electronica to Britpop to grunge give the audience a thrilling, sensory-filled ride.

Tickets are \$10 at the box office. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30pm. Ticket hot line is 312-322-0548 or visit the web at www.adlerplanetarium.org.

Adler Planetarium announces new rock show

In February this year for the entire year and beyond, Adler Planetarium has debuted the new digitally animated alternative-rock music show. SonicVision, a new 38-minute show was created by the American Museum of Natural History, NY AMNH in association with MTV2 and musical artist Moby.

Using his musical talents to develop the mix for SonicVision, Moby who has long been interested in space and astronomy began col-

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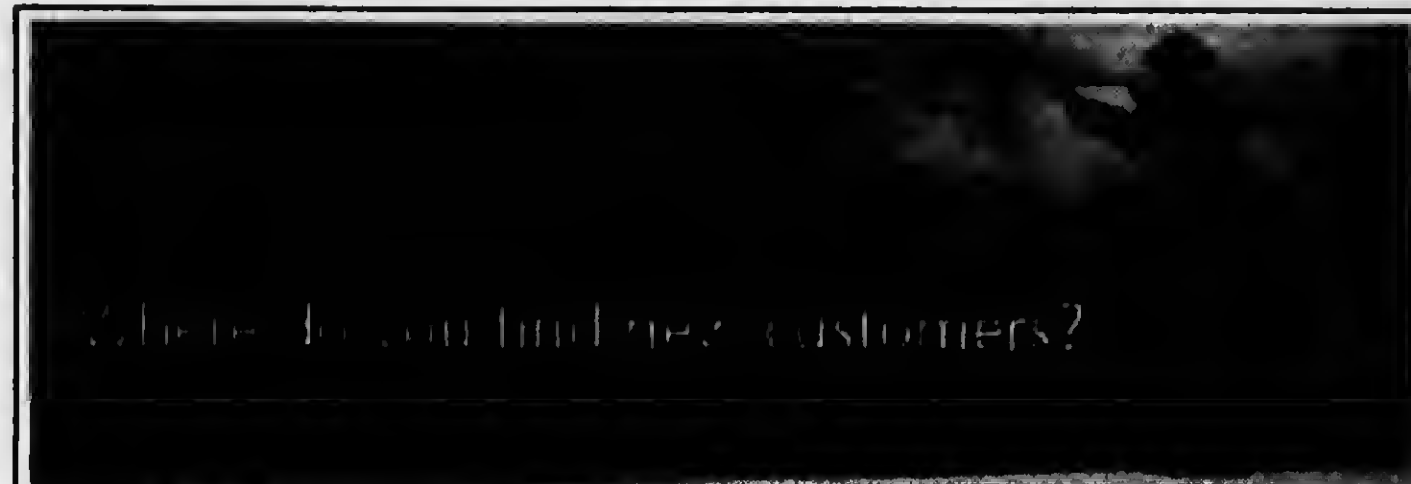
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: "Challenge" may or should be your middle name since it appears you go from one challenge to the other. You usually win. H/ M

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: R and P and some kind of personal search can be your main focus this week. If this be a friend, trust that friend and show it.

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Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Some of you stand a good chance to attract money to you. Numbers talk! Numbers 13 & 22 special and an M.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: The decision to "stay" or to "go" has been put off long enough. Don't be afraid to take that "leap of faith." S or D can help.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: It is written "take your mortal hands off and let God do His work." Listen, obey, & things will come out well. F/ R.

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My Psychic Observations & Insights: I'm Back!

I am back full circle from what some people call NDE or "Near Death Experience." I could not have imagined the utter seriousness of my problem. It was life or death. And it all happened so very fast. I want to thank those of you who contacted Alyn to wish me well. This alone was very inspiring, as well as a help in my healing. For what it's worth, I came out very much like a new person, but - oddly enough, my psychic ability wasn't sick or affected in any way. Alyn said I was even giving psychic insights in the recovery room to some very astonished people! And while I was "out" and "wandering," I met an unusual but informative angel, "Numi" ... a someone who will remain with me, and a someone who can help you too. I am told I am made new...you can be too. Interested? Contact me...and you can also go to TheDailyPsychic.Com to see my expanded column of information on this. I have many new ideas and many new things to do and write.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Letter to the Editor

Acting Mayor Ron Stancik stated that "In 1983, a new train station and commuter lot were constructed on the site of a former coal yard."

However, that does not seem to be an environmental contamination for that area would have had to have been cleaned up before the train

station was built and the commuter lot put in as a Municipal Parking Lot for the Village of Oak Lawn. Further, Acting Mayor Ron Stancik was quoted as saying "It's our policy to keep

the TIFdistricts to a minimum" in a newspaper on Jan. 29, 2004. Two days before that, on Jan. 27, Acting Mayor, Ron Stancik voted (along with others for a majority vote) to add another area to the Cicero Ave. TIF to be studied going from Major Ave. to Central Avenue on the 87th st corridor. At the last Board of Trustee meeting on March 9, 2004, we were told by Acting Mayor Ron Stancik, an expanded TIF plan and project as well as the eligibility study for the train, parking lot, etc. are available for viewing in the clerk's office. Also, There is a registry for interested citizens (under the counter in the clerk's office) and organizations for EACH TIF district so that important TIF activities shall be sent to those registered. Register and find out what is happening. You need to go to the village hall and sign a form and prove your a citizen of Oak Lawn.

In addition, the boundaries for the train station, etc. have been enlarged so that the boundaries go from 95th st to 96th street instead of ending at Yourell Ave. Now Beatty Lumber is included in the TIF and it was not before. I wish I could understand what Acting Mayor Stancik meant when he said that "It's our policy to keep the TIF districts to a minimum. We have the Gammonely Building which is a TIF, and also the Harris Bank and Starbucks area which is a TIF and possibly more than I am aware of. These are large projects with huge bonds attached and other costs such as attorney fees, consultant fees, analysis and documentation, demolition of buildings, etc. chain link fences everywhere, etc. There is a lot of money involved and the village is supposed to be in a budget crunch.

There have been Redevelopment Projects and Plans done for Oak Lawn at a substantial cost. I requested "All TIF Redevelopment Projects And Plans In The Village Since 1993" on Feb. 23, 2004 (under the Freedom of Information Act) and was given the following TIF's on Feb. 11, 2004 by Mr. James Webb: July 25, 1995; April 27, 1998; April 5, 2002; and April 15, 2003. There is a discrepancy as James Webb obviously did not give me all of the plans as I requested - for the Oak Lawn Library has the Train Station Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Project and Plan dated for Jan 28, 2003 and the Amended Triangle Tax

Increment Financing Redevelopment Project and Plan of Feb. 6, 1998.

The original TIF from July 25, 1995 were on the south side of 95th street where Starbucks, the Harris Bank, etc. were built. The other areas of the so called triangle were added on to the original TIF at a later date, as indicated by the maps in the Redevelopment projects and plans. 52nd and 53rd ave. on the south side of 95th st are add ons or amended TIFs. Each added on or amended area has to meet the criteria for a TIF on it's own and cannot be piggy-backed onto the original TIF area. Therefore, in order to meet the criteria of a blighted area for 52nd and 53rd ave. on 95th st. regarding the stores, 5 or more of the of the following 13 factors need to be present on improved property in the central business district. 1) Dilapidation, 2) Obsolescence, 3) Deterioration, 4) Illegal use of individual structures, 5) Structures below minimum code, 6) Excessive land coverage and overcrowding of structures and community facilities, 7) Lack of ventilation, 8) Inadequate utilities, 9) Excessive vacancies, 10) Deleterious (harmful or injurious) land use, 11) Environmental clean-up, 12) Lagging or declining equalized assessed value, and 13) Lack of community planning. It does not appear to me that this area has met the factors necessary for a TIF area using the criteria of 5 factors being present in the above 13 on improved land. Further, each factor needs to be shown as 1) not present, 2) moderate extent or 3) major extent and explained in detail in redevelopment plan. More information on www.Illinois-TIF.com

In addition, the village did not only plan but did buy some or all of the parking area behind the stores expressly for parking for the stores in that area. Therefore, that land cannot be called vacant (another category of blight) for that parking area has a purpose that the village planned.

I am for change when it is done right - respecting people's rights, and for the betterment of Oak Lawn for the people. I am spending time, energy, and money in research, going to meetings, etc. trying to find out what is happening in Oak Lawn for I am interested. I have lived here for over 40 years and think this is a great place to live. Let's keep it that way. Sincerely, Beverly Ring

Letter to the Public

A small but caring parish

The last 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life are depicted in the acclaimed film The Passion of the Christ. If you would like to learn more about his life and ministry and how it applies to our lives today, we invite you to join us at St. Raphael the Archangel Episcopal Church. This parish, housed within a beautiful church, has served the needs of people in the Oak Lawn area for over 40 years.

This is the Lenten season, a time for prayer, self denial and fasting in preparation for Christ's resurrection. Now is the ideal time to visit us.

Please do not be overly concerned about the principles behind Lent, because each individual makes his or her own decision about how to practice their personal Lent. Your decision may be to read the bible every day. Spiritual preparation is what makes the joy of Easter morning especially significant.

You will become a part of the fellowship that accompanies worshipping and receiving Holy Communion with people who may become like a part of the family, as we have come to feel. The liturgy, biblical passages and the beautiful hymns will inspire and uplift you, perhaps summoning memories of your childhood. Our priest, Father Roberto Pamatmat, is caring, insightful and knowledgeable. We are blessed to have him with us.

All are welcome, especially families with children, because we would like to start a Sunday school. Senior citizens can find companionship with our seniors, since we are a warm and friendly group. Grandparents may decide to accompany their grandchildren and share some quality time with them.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME



Whether or not we think about it, the truth is, most of us take for granted the bounty of blessings we receive on a daily basis. They are the moments when our lives are enlightened or perhaps made just a little bit easier. They almost always come, at just the right time, when we need it the most. Some would say they are mini miracles, and they happen to all of us.

An unemployed father, at the end of his financial rope, worries how he'll afford the mortgage payment and put food on the table for his family. With, what looks like, no hope at the end of the unemployment line, he gets a call, out of the blue, a job opportunity and he can start right away. It was the break he had given up hope on, coming at just the right time—when he needed it most.

A young wife and mother, drowning in the despair of dirty diapers and dishpan hands struggles to hold on to her sanity in the midst of raising her young children. Just when she's sure she's on her way to the land of loony tunes, her ever loving husband has the answer.

With a bouquet of her favorite flowers, and dinner reservations for two, an overwhelmed mom is brought back from the brink of burnout. A calgon moment at its finest, just at the right time—when it was needed most.

A woman, at odds over what seems like a fading friendship with her best friend, confronts her fears that the bonds that cemented their emotional ties have been broken.

Just as her heart hangs heavy with defeat, a card arrives in the mail, with a sentimental letter from her long lost friend, with the promise of getting together soon.

The uplifting revelation is definitely what was needed, coming at just the right time.

An unexpected hospital bill gives an elderly couple reason to worry where they'll get the added funds to pay it since they're already living on a fixed income.

Within days of receiving the hospital bill, a long forgotten rebate check is delivered, an amount slightly exceeding the cost of the medical bill. For sure, this delivery came at just the right time, when these seniors needed it most.

I don't think that we, often enough, acknowledge that these perfectly timed occurrences are actually interventions of the blessed kind. Some of us may not even consider the possibility as we chalk these happenings up to coincidence.

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Sometimes, the good Lord has to hit us over the head, in a big way, to get our attention.

On Ash Wednesday, Mel Gibson's movie, 'The Passion Of The Christ', opened in theaters everywhere. The story focuses on the last twelve hours in the life of Jesus. Mel Gibson has put his own blood, sweat and tears into this movie to bring us the blow by brutal blow of Christ's journey to the cross. His vision, to stir an awakening within the hearts of Christians, has been realized.

In the first five days alone, 'The Passion Of The Christ', has had phenomenal, box office success.

Money wise, it has raked in over 125 million dollars. In dollar amounts that's incredulous.

Multiply that by how many hearts will forever be changed by bearing witness to the meaning behind this movie's message, and that is truly awe-inspiring.

With so much hate filling the world, with war and terrorism threatening our very existence—we all need something to empower our faith—something to remind us that love, hope, and good will always prevail.

On the big screen, we are given a larger than life reminder that the Prince of Peace died a horrific death so that we may have a birth of redemption.

A 'life changing experience' is how some movie goers have described this movie. I have seen 'The Passion Of The Christ', and I would have to agree with them.

In a desperate world, hungry for a surge of religious reverence in our society, 'The Passion Of The Christ' is so much more than just another story depicting the life of Jesus Christ.

It is an eye-opening reminder of God's unfailing love for us all—coming to us at just the right time, when we need it most.

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Letter to the Editor

With election day on March 16, a letter was received to the editor referencing the referendum on the ballot for a new school in Oak Lawn. The letter writer, Ms. Mary Lou Harker, feels it is not necessary for a new school as families are moving further southward and westward and Oak Lawn would cater to an older population and commuters who work downtown.

She further indicates school enrollment is going down each year, property values will go down when the new school is built and there will be more traffic and illegal parking of car problems for night games and programs. She requests you vote no on the District 229 referendum.

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If your child is overweight...



If your child is overweight, or at risk of becoming overweight, you're probably wondering, "What can I do to help?"

If you're concerned about your child's weight, the first step is to talk with your pediatrician, family doctor or registered dietitian. Work with your health care professional to determine whether your child is overweight and to decide the healthiest weight goal. In some cases, the best goal may not be to lose weight but to allow your child to grow into his or her current weight. Your health care professional will help you develop a program to help your child reach a healthy weight goal.

As part of a healthy weight program, parents can help their children reach wellness goals by making healthy changes at home. Weight can be affected by many factors, but environment is often a major component.

Healthy eating and physical activity don't become habits overnight. It takes time and effort to make them part of a daily routine. This guide tells you where to start and what you can do at home to help your

child. It talks about the important role of family, realistic goals, nutrition and physical activity. The recommendations in this guide are targeted toward healthy weight for children ages 4-12.

Family. It's a major part of every child's life—and often the most important factor in helping a child make healthy changes. Research shows children are often more willing to eat healthy foods and be active if they see their parents and other family members doing these things first. That's why it's important to get every member of your family involved in healthy eating and physical activity.

Here are some tips on making the most of family meals:

Prepare healthy meals that the whole family eats instead of serving special foods for an overweight child. This will create a positive and supportive environment.

Schedule meals at

regular intervals. Without a schedule, kids tend to snack more—and often reach for high-calorie foods.

Meals tend to be healthier when planned, so try to plan menus a week at a time. Keep a log of menus you've created so you can refer to it in the future when you need ideas for a healthy meal that your family likes.

Space snacks at least one hour before a meal. Two to three snacks per day are enough for most children.

Plan to eat at least one meal together every day. If it's difficult to get everyone together for dinner, how about breakfast? Try designating one night a week as family dinner night.

Eat meals and snacks in the kitchen or dining room. Avoid eating in front of the computer or television.

Help your child understand when he or she is physically hungry and when he or she is satisfied:

Don't overly restrict food. This can lead to preoccupation with food or make your child feel punished or rejected. Any restrictive diet should be under the guidance of a health care professional.

Don't use food to reward, comfort or punish your child.

Don't make your child eat everything on his or her plate.

Encourage your child to eat slowly. It's true for all of us:

When we eat too quickly, our body thinks it needs more food to be satisfied. How can speedy eaters slow down? Here are some tips:

- Put the fork down between bites.
- Swallow one bite before taking another.
- If your child wants seconds, have him wait

five minutes to see if he's still hungry. Make the second helping half the size of the

first. - Eat the meal in courses. Start with low calorie foods (fruits, vegetables,

salads) and then move on to higher-calorie foods (breads, pastas, meats).

Soup is the answer for a chilly day

By Anita Anderson



Treat the special people in your life to a "from scratch" pot of soup. There are times when that "instant" food just doesn't answer your family's needs. A old-fashioned clam chowder will satisfy even the most discriminating of tastes.

New England Clam Chowder

24 littleneck or soft-shell clams	3 cups water
1 cup bacon cut in small pieces	1 large onion diced
2 medium Russet potatoes peeled and diced	
1 ½ cups	1 cup milk
1 cup heavy cream or half and half	1 tbs fresh chopped parsley
1 tbs chopped fresh chives	
croutons (store bought)	salt to taste

Soak clams in cold salted water for 15 minutes and scrub clean with a wire brush under running water.

Put clams in 8-quart soup pot, cover and bring to boil. The clams will open within 5 minutes. Check them with tongs and remove to plate as they open.

When cool, remove clams from shells, pull off and discard black skin. Chop coarsely. Reserve. Boil down cooking liquid to 2 cups and strain into bowl. Reserve. Wash and dry pot. Fry bacon until brown. Stir in onion and cook until wilted but not brown.

Add potatoes and cook 5 minutes. Pour reserved clam liquid over veggies and bacon. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Don't let liquid evaporate. Whisk milk and cream into soup. Cool and reserve. Just before serving bring soup just below the boil. Add reserved clams and cook only to heat them. Don't boil liquid this will toughen clams. Season with salt to taste. Ladle soup into serving bowls and sprinkle with parsley and chives. Serve croutons on side.

German Lentil Soup

You can make this soup a day ahead of time. Tastes mellow overnight.

2 tbs lard or olive oil	4 lamb chops
1 large onion chopped	2 carrots cut into ¼-inch cubes
1 celery stalk diced	1 pound Russet potatoes cubed
4 garlic cloves peeled and chopped	1 28-oz. Crushed Italian plum tomatoes
1 pound lentils	10 sprigs parsley
2 ½ quarts chicken broth from can	sea salt, black pepper

In a 9-quart heat olive oil and saute chops over heat for 15 minutes, stirring.

Transfer meat to a plate and add onion, carrots, celery and potatoes and garlic to the pot.

Stir mixture, cover, and reduce heat. Braise 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, lentils, meat, parsley and broth; add salt and fresh pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer 1 hour. Bone chops and cut meat into pieces. Discard bones. Reheat when ready to serve.

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Letter to the Editor

We have been concerned about not finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. However, there should be a concern for the weapons for the mass destruction of morality in America. I define the weapons as: lack of self-respect shown by behavior, attitude and speech; lack of respect for all stages of life shown by abortion, murder and suicide; the desire to redefine marriage; the promotion of indecency through newspaper advertisements, movies, TV and radio; the use of inappropriate language as the norm; the acceptance of money, power and sexual prowess as priorities in life.

The high ideals on which America was founded makes it the greatest nation in the world. In order to carry on our tradition we need to take a moment to reflect on the direction our country is headed. During an election year we are promised many things. It is up to us using common sense and reliable information to decide on the best thing for America and its

people. Our freedom of speech allows us to voice our concerns through discussing, writing and voting.

Thank you, Marlene Jeziorski

Robert D. Orr, former governor

Robert D. Orr, who championed educational reform as governor of Indiana in the 1980s and later served as U.S. ambassador to Singapore, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004. He was 86 and died at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Orr had been admitted to the hospital earlier in the day for surgery on an apparent blockage in his kidney, but his condition worsened. The cause of death was believed to be heart arrhythmia.

Orr, a Republican, spent 16 years in the state's top two offices, serving two terms as lieutenant governor beginning in 1973 and then serv-

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ing as governor from 1981 to 1989. He was barred from a third term.

After leaving office in 1989, he was named U.S. ambassador to Singapore.

Orr's major achievement was passage of a sweeping educational reform package in 1987. He also pushed two major tax increases through the General Assembly, one in 1987 to pay for the education program and one in 1982 to fix budget problems.

In December, Orr underwent surgery for prostate and bladder cancer.

Orr graduated from Yale University in 1940 and attended Harvard Business School before enlisting in the Army 1942. During World War II, Orr served in the Pacific theater and was commissioned a major.

Orr went to Evansville at the end of the war and entered the family business, Orr Iron Co. He was Vanderburgh County Republican chairman and was elected to the state Senate in 1968 before being

elected lieutenant governor.

Despite his political success, Orr was known as a gentleman and for his humility. "That is what my parents taught me, that it was better to have others praise you than to do it yourself," Orr said.

Orr is survived by his wife and three children.

Judith Clohessy

Mass was said Monday March 8th, at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Judith Clohessy.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; her children, Jeffrey (Kathryn) and Sharon A. (Albert) Dalto; four grandchildren; her brothers, Richard (Theresa) White and William White and her sister, Patricia (Bruce) Halper.

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Lottie Ricardo

Cemetery, for Lottie Ricardo.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; her children, Rosemarie (Myles) Feltenberger, Diane (Vito) LaMonto and Martin (Denise); nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mass was said Tuesday, March 9th, at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank with interment at St. Casimir

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March of dimes walker

Marty Longo of 2616 W. 122nd St. Blue Island IL 60406 has announced he is going to walk for the march of Dimes on Sunday April 25, 2004 at Yankee Woods, 16500 S. Central, Oak Forest/Tinley Park. The money that Walk America raises every year helps to save babies by research, education, community service and advocacy. It is helping to raise insurance coverage for mothers and their babies, to target funded programs that support efforts for saving babies and to fund grants seeking to unlock the mysteries of birth defects.

Marty hopes to raise \$300 and would appreciate any monetary donation. Make the check to March of Dimes and send to him at the above address by April 24.



The Home Show has moved the location for the Southwest Suburban expo from Lemont to Orland Park at the Homer-Glen Megaplex. This change has been made to advance expo marketing in the growing southwest suburbs. The decision was made to move the site because the new area population is 75% greater, area population income is doubled, easy to reach and a new facility with plenty of parking.

Show dates are April 2, 3 and 4, 2004. For further information call 630-971-0102 or visit the web at www.TheHomeShow.net

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. A committee is gathering names of graduates from all classmates that have attended St., Martin or St. Anne from State through Halsted. The committee has been organized so that many different graduating classes will be represented.

If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.



The 10th annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show, presented by Ace Hardware, will be held Through March 21 at Chicago's Navy Pier. A prelude to spring, the Chicago Flower & Garden Show, is a multi-sensory delight that blooms with color and fragrance. There are 25 themed gardens, an extensive gardeners' and plant market featuring 150 educational and product booths.

Attendees will gain inspiration from floral designs that feature container gardens, window boxes, gardening in challenging spaces, landscaped gardens, lush indoor patios and much more.

In addition, the Ace exhibit will offer helpful tips and products for show visitors and feature giveaways including 2004 Ace coupon calendars, seed packets and \$5 off \$25 purchase coupons while supply lasts.

Celebrities appearing are WGN's Mr. FixIt on March 20 and Ashton Richie (agronomist) on March 21. For added information on Ace visit www.acehardware.com. Further background on the Chicago Flower & Garden Show is available



Patricia Koulogeorge

Richards senior named Golden Apple Scholar

Patricia Koulogeorge, a senior from Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, has been named a Golden Apple Scholar for 2004 by the Golden Apple Foundation.

The Golden Apple Foundation presents the awards to high school seniors who will pursue careers in education. In addition to scholarship money, Golden Apple Scholars receive a number of career development opportunities. The program, which covers a student's four years of college, features mentoring, summer institutes in school settings, and work-study.

A resident of Oak Lawn, Koulogeorge will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago starting next year and intends to study English literature.

An honor roll student, Koulogeorge participates in National Honor Society, student council, Presidents Club, cheerleading, and soccer. Koulogeorge, who was named an Illinois State Scholar this year, also serves as the 2004 president of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapter at Richards. SADD promotes awareness of the perils of alcohol and drug abuse.

Karaoke comes to Oak Lawn

Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, invites all singers and listeners to come out for a fun filled evening of Karaoke on March 20th from

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Chelsea Tavern brings the Irish pub experience to the North Shore and is all about "ceol agus craic," the well-known Irish expression meaning 'music and great times.' Traditional Irish fare, along with many American favorites, Irish beers and fine ales are served in this fun and friendly "public house" every day. And St. Patrick's Day is no exception! Chelsea Tavern will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the following specials and promotions on Wednesday, March 17th. For more information, please contact the restaurant at 847.279.1199.

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Tinley Park Library sets programs

Garden Club meets

The Tinley Park Garden Club will hold its business meeting and presentation on Thursday, March 18 at 12:00 Noon at the Tinley Park Public Library, 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Carol DeJong, Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension, will discuss undercrused annual flowers. The meeting and presentation are open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Registration begins Wednesday, March 10 at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4. Visit our website at www.tp.library.org.

Internet Mousercise

Registration begins Saturday, March 6 for the following Internet Classes at the Tinley Park Public Library: Mousercise Class teaches those with little or no experience now to use a mouse. Class date: March 16 at 6:30 pm. Fee: Free. Beginner

7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Bring your own music, or chose from the selection available, from the 50's to the present.

Good voices not required, just a desire to have fun.

Refreshments will be served and a free will offering will be taken.

For more information, call Linda at 708/425-6957 or 708/641-6376

Internet Class, March 24 and 31 at 6:30 pm, is for those with little or no Internet experience. Fee: \$30 for two 2-hour sessions. The only requirement is the ability to manipulate a mouse. Downloading Class, March 11 at 10:00 am, discusses how to download files and software; how to decompress zip files and how to install the downloaded software. Fee: \$10. E-Mail Class covers account registration, inbox, address books, and attachments using Yahoo mail (90 min). Fee: \$10. Class: March 23 at 10:00 am. Advance registration is required in person for all classes except Mousercise. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Phone 532-0160 ext. 2 for information. Visit our website at www.tp.library.org.

Happy 100th Birthday Dr. Seuss

The Tinley Park Public Library staff invites Orland Hills and Tinley Park patrons to celebrate the 100th birthday of the author who has delighted generations of readers. All you need to do is check out a library book between March 1 and March 7. Children in grades 1 through 5 must check out a Dr. Seuss book; teens and adults may check out a book of any genre. Raffle tickets will be given at the Youth Service Reference Desk and the upper level Circulation Desk for a chance to win a \$10 gift card from Border's Books & Music. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Phone 532-0160 x4 for additional info. Visit our website at www.tp.library.org.

Registration Continues

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier on Friday, March 19. The cost, which includes motorcoach transportation and admission charges, is \$20 for Friends members and \$25 for others. Lunch will be on your own. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. To purchase a ticket, call Donna Beckett, 815-439-0075.

Library Employee Service Awards

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently recognized 11 employees for their years of service in five-year increments.

A long-term service award was given to Elaine McClure, technical services department, for 25 years of employment at the library. Staff recognized for 15 years of service were: Jamesine Akin, building services department; Deborah Cocanig, reference librarian; Kay Gibson, reference services department; and MaryLynn Mysz, head of patron services.

Employees completing 10 years of service were: Verlyn Biere, reference librarian; Mary Donovan, technical services department; Fiona Lindenbusch, patron services department; and Pedro Robledo, building services department.

Those with five years of service were: Dorothy Heisler, patron services department; and Lana Magnavite, reference services department.





Bremen High School to host Book Bonanza

The Bremen literary club, The Circle, is sponsoring the Bremen Book Bonanza from February

24-April 2. The Book Bonanza will consist of many activities around the novel, *Memory Boy*, written by Will Weaver. The entire school community will be reading the book.

The culminating project will be a science fair on April 2. "This project promotes reading, unifies school population, provides opportunities for various levels of student involvement and allows students to be role models for the community," explains The Circle advisor Mrs. Andrea Ignelzi.

Students in the group include Maggie Globke, James Lanenga, Anna Deneka, Alexia Bouzios,

Laura Hickenbottom, Michelle Dukes, LaRonn Russell, Connie Leonard, Amanda Stark and Katherine Deneka.

St. Xavier host art show

Saint Xavier University Gallery hosts the Chicago Chapter of the National League of Pen Women in a show titled *Through a Woman's Eyes: Images of Women by Women*. The show features oil paintings, photography, watercolors and sculptures of several of the organization members. The show runs March 17 through April 7 at the SXU Gallery, located in the Warde Academic Center on the University's Chicago Campus, 3700 W. 103rd St. A reception will be on March 17th at 3:30pm with some

artists present and talking about their works.

The Illinois Artisans Program is inviting Illinois artisans to submit applications for the program. All areas of original art and craft are eligible including folk, traditional, contemporary, ethnic and fine art forms.

Artists are required to submit a Program application, 6-10 slides, an artist's statement and one-page resume, a SASE and \$20 application fee. Letter notifies the Artists selected, April 2004. They can showcase and sell their works in one or more stores located in Illinois.

For an application call 312-814-1794 or sent a SASE to Illinois Artisan Program, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 4-300, Chicago, Illinois 60601.



EPCHS Concert Choir : Director: -Melanie Michalak: Accompanist:- Florence Baldacci

Evergreen Park Community High School holds concert and auction

By Marijo Doody

The Evergreen Park Community High School Concert Choir and Madrigal Ensemble embark on a concert tour every other year. To defray the cost of the 2005 tour, the EPCHS choral parents will host a silent auction in conjunction with a Theater Concert on Saturday March 27. The schedule is as follows: Auction preview: 6:00pm, Choir tickler preview: 7:00pm, bidding/refreshments: 7:15-8pm. The concert begins at 8pm and the winning bids announced at 9pm.

Admission is \$5 for auction and concert at EPCHS gymnasium and theater. Call 708-424-7400 x 260 for tickets.

In a discussion with Choral Director Melanie Michalak much was learned. The choir just received 25 out of 26 first place votes in group competition. They have 70+ concerts a year. They have performed in Italy, Spain and Hawaii. I fondly remember when they were at the Vatican in 1999 from our church students who sang with us-they were so excited.

In a church in Spain, they were the first American non-Spanish choir to perform. In Pearl Harbor, they sang on the USS Missouri. Last Christmas, the EPCHS recent CD was featured on WGN Radio. They have recorded about a dozen CD's.

Last year the fund-raisers were successful to the amount of \$55,000 for the singers trip funding and the like. There is a program Sponsor A Singer where a designated gift can be used to help defray travel cost of a specific student or be added to the concert tour fund.

They would also appreciate any items, service, or gift certificates for the silent auction. Call the number cited above.

The young talented students, current and past, of the Concert Choir have over 22 years of regional, state, national and international competitions and received consistent superior ratings. The Madrigal group has over 20 years of first division ratings. Many former EPCHS choir students have been recipients of college/university scholarships. I can remember Bill, Clint, Lee, Mo and Tom. All are great young adults.



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The Phantom and Christine

The Phantom of the Opera returns to Chicago

Andrew Lloyd Webber's international Award-Winning musical The Phantom of the Opera returns to Chicago at the Cadillac Palace Theater at 151 W. Randolph for a two month run to May 1, 2004. This makes the musical's fourth visit to Chicago-land. It has been reported Phantom has worldwide box office sales in excess of \$3.3 billion and it is the most successful entertainment venture of the twentieth century. It has surpassed films such as Titanic, ET, and Star Wars. Will it surpass the recent blockbuster The Passion?

What each star Christine and Phantom does for love?

The Phantom of the Opera tells the story of a masked figure that lurks beneath the catacombs of the Paris Opera House exercising a reign of terror. He falls in love with a young innocent soprano, Christine and devotes himself to creating a new star by nurturing her talents and employing his devious methods. All he wants is to be loved.

The Phantom of the Opera cast is lead by Gary Maurer, who is not a strong Phantom, Rebecca Pitcher as the young Christine, who steals the show with her strength, poise and grace. Tim Martin Gleason, who plays Raoul the other love interest, is protective of his love and therefore exhibits a romantic wholeness, which is an asset to the production.

The Chicago production is certainly recommended with its 36 plus member company of diverse artists from the Ballet, Operetta and Opera worlds. This one musical encompasses all the good from these three worlds. Scenery, staging, costumes, music quality (vibrant and full) are excellent.

The replica of the Paris Opera Chandelier is ten feet high and weighs 1000lbs. There are 35,000 beads on it and 50 radio-controlled lights. The Baroque Proscenium that forms the show is 2 1/2 tons and has 25 sculptures. This is part of the area Phantom sings from going across the roof.

The audience does not see motors and winches used to fly and hoist scenery on and off the stage. We see the fog and smoke. Observing the pit one would wonder if musicians could see the music on stands, however they are down in the pit below stage level.

This is a large production. The Tony Award-winning costumes and ornate scenic designs by the late Maria Bjornson are still a sight to behold. There are over 200 costumes, 150 wigs and hairpieces, 60 crewmembers, 37 scenery and electrical operators and 17 orchestra members.

In the Opera House within Phantom, Carlotta's dress is 35 lbs. Kim Stengel sings this role as the resident diva. I cannot imagine singing with that amount of weight on one's surface and she did so well.

David Cryer and DC Anderson, the anxious owners of the opera house manage to pepper the production with much needed comic relief.

Amusements & Theater by Marijo Doody



Phantom needs a strong lead like other musicals, Hello Dolly, Carousel and Fiddler. That is a key to its success and we wished Maurer had been stronger in the role. In this production from Broadway In Chicago series the orchestration was full and vibrant with the use of musicians and synthesizers which was a welcome change to hear musical richness.

Tickets are \$28-\$82 and are available at the Broadway In Chicago box office 312-902-1400.

Beverly Arts correction

Please note Beverly Arts Center is the site for the presentation by the Beverly Arts University Club's production of Fiddler on the Roof. Beverly Arts University Club Scholarship Foundation is a separate organization.

Spring Ballet in Chicago

American Ballet will perform Swan Lake at the Opera House the last weekend in March.

Tickets are available at the box office at 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago will present the spring program beginning March 9 and running through March 28, 2004. Three of the four premiers in the engagement are set to pop music. Rooster is set to Rolling Stone music, Full Grown Man to Beck and Dipthong to Zap Mama, all to the rock and roll drumbeat.

The Hubbard Street Dance Chicago programs is presented at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph. Call 800-882-4275 or 312-850-9744 for information.



Dorothy, Tinman, Lion and Scarecrow with the Poppy Friends

The Wizard of Oz performs at the Oak Lawn Park District

Oak Lawn's Park District's production of The Wizard of Oz in its 15th season is a huge success as always. Directed by Erica Heilmann, The Wizard of Oz showed a few surprises to the production. There were two spoofs from the Award-winning Lion King and the Broadway production was followed for the "Swing" segment. It made one want to dance.

Dorothy played by Dawn Schnolis had a nice quality in her presentation. The three friends we all have grown to love were splendid. The children were wonderful.

The lighting was clever, especially for The Yellow Brick Road and the computer graphics grand for the Wizard.

Performance dates for The Wizard of Oz are scheduled for 8pm on March 18, 19 and 20. Sunday March 21 at 3pm & 8pm. All performances are at the Oak View Center at 4825 W. 110th Street in Oak Lawn. Their still may be a few tickets and prices are \$17 for adults and \$16 seniors and children. To reserve tickets via credit card call 708-857-2200 or e-mail theater@olpark.com. Box office hours are Mondays 8:30am to 9pm and Tuesday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am to noon.

News from the Chicago Symphony

It has been recently announced that Daniel Barenboim is to conclude tenure as The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's music director at the end of the 2005-2006 season.

That will mark his 17th year since he was appointed music director. The remaining two years of his tenure will be a superb time for us to admire and celebrate his musicianship.

Deborah Card, President of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, remarked, "The entire city of Chicago has benefited immensely from the vast musical talents of

Daniel Barenboim. Not only has he brought the best in music to the community but his dedication has insured that the CSO continues to be a recognized as a leader

in the international musical community. We hope he will find time to come back to our stage after his tenure has concluded."

A search committee will be formed to identify his successor.

Adolph "Bud" Herseth retires as CSO Principal Trumpet Emeritus after 56 years with the orchestra. He served as the Orchestra's principal trumpet from 1948 to 2001. Adolph "Bud" Herseth was appointed in 1948 while still a student at Boston's New England Conservatory. Adolph "Bud" Herseth was called in the New York Times "quite possibly the most dazzling player on his instrument in today's world." Mr. Herseth has dedicated himself to encourage and coach young brass players in the Civic Orchestra.

A year long focus on music of Bartok and Hayden, celebrations of Orchestra Hall's centennial and CSO's principal guest conductor Pierre Boulez's 80th birth-

day plus music by Schnittke, Beethoven, Mahler and more will highlight the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2004-2005 season.

Theater seeks volunteer ushers

Music and Dance Theater Chicago, Inc. is seeking volunteer ushers for the 2004 winter-spring season performances at the new Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 East Randolph Drive, Chicago. Volunteers are invited to view the performance for which they usher. To be a volunteer, you must be able to manage steps and stand for at least an hour. Dress code of black pants/slacks and white shirt/blouse with black tie is in-force. The theater provides a vest. Space is limited so call House Manager at 312-629-8696 x.203.

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cians and variety artist (jugglers, dancers, magicians, etc.)

The auditions are March 20 & 21 at Carthage college in Kenosha, WI. Call 847-395-7773 x 232 to make an appointment. All ethnic groups are encouraged. Rehearsals begin early June. There are paid and volunteer roles for a variety of stage and street performers.

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teers are needed from all performing arts, including choral singers. Back stage helpers, set designers, artists plus many more. For general information visit the web page <http://www.geocities.com/romefestival>.

To inquire about specific positions: email romefestivalvol@yahoo.com and (specify area of interest and career status or age) or telephone 1-800-811-3841 during morning hours specifying volunteer. Volunteers serve in Rome for two or more weeks. Volunteers out of pocket expenses usually qualify as charitable contributions.

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Orland Park on the road to renovation

By David Vognar

At the Monday, March 1, 2004 Board of Trustees meeting, James Gamble of Skokie's Land Design Collaborative (LDC) laid out in great detail the commissioned company's development landscaping plans for Orland's incipient revamping and road widening ventures throughout the city, specifically in regard to Ravinia Avenue.

Although the road widening project is under the direct jurisdiction of IDOT, Orland is taking concerned strides to be sure that the landscaping of effected medians and curbsides stays up to par with current standards. The renovation of Ravinia also plays a prelude to the opening of Orland's \$20 million library at 149th and Ravinia, just off of LaGrange Road, this fall.

On Monday night, Gamble specifically outlined his company's plans for the streetscape from 147th and 151st on Ravinia, the area outside of Village Hall. The plan includes adding new trees and beautifying the street through the addition of wide and green medians. Gamble also discussed LDC's constant integration of on-street parking into the company's long-term plans for road landscaping, which would not change for the stretch of road between LaGrange and Village Hall. LDC is now finishing the concept work for landscaping on Ravinia, and is also working on other Orland roads like Harlem and LaGrange.

Gamble also emphasized the efforts LDC is continuing to make to ensure that the village's street light location ensures both citizen safety

and architectural continuity not only for the Ravinia Avenue streetscape, but also for the city's broader, long-term outlook of streetscape design in conjunction with road widening.

One thing LDC did not want to ignore in doing so was the city's current landscaping atmosphere. That is why most of the proposed lighting structures for Ravinia from 147th to 151st stay within Orland's "family of design elements," Gamble said. These proposed street lamps would most likely include a variation of rabbit-arm, sloping bulbs, attached to tall lampposts on either side of Ravinia.

While the lamppost design is similar to LDC's renderings for other village sights, its median concept for Ravinia is considerably different. Due to the high level of pedestrian activity brought on by the village's parks and bike paths that run alongside Ravinia's main stretch, LDC was forced to rethink its median landscape model.

In contrast to the "turf and tree" design that Gamble and the company have so far envisioned for the medians on 143rd Street west of LaGrange Road and the ornate foliage that it has chosen for 108th Street, the medians cleaving Ravinia will be accessible, so that "some people can get through" on their way to or from the library or parks.

Current conspectuses call for the planting of perennials at each end of Ravinia and filling in the middle medians with native, hearty plants that have a high salt tolerance. Just as with the other medians located on major Orland roads, the company wants to avoid any

plants that might restrict driver visibility or that might cause massive wilting if one plant tuft dies.

Tinley Theater Troup "It Runs in the Family"

The Tinley Park Theater Troupe announces the cast for there, the side-splitting comedy "It Runs in the Family" by Ray Cooney the next production. The show is presented two weekends March 27 (at 8pm) and 28 (at 3pm) along with April 2 and 3 (at 8pm) and closing April 4 (at 3pm).

There is a two for one

tickets offered opening night. Tickets are \$9(adults) & \$8(seniors). The show is produced by the Tinley Park's Park District's Arts Alive! Program. Advanced tickets can be purchased in advanced at the Park District's Recreation Center at 8125 W. 171st St. Tinley Park. The show will be presented at the Tinley Park High School at 6111 W. 175th Street.



Annie (Michelle Hynes) & Frank (Keith Buikema)

OP Theatre Troupe Prepares for "Annie Get Your Gun"

Everyone is invited to c'mon down to enjoy the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, "Annie Get Your Gun." Performances are Fri., March 26th at 8:00 P.M., Sat., March 27th at 8:00 P.M. and Sun., March 28th at 2:00 P.M. The show will be performed on the stage at the Orland Junior H.S., 14855 W. (100th) Ave.

Main characters from Orland Park include Jim Sharp as Colonel Buffalo Bill Cody, John "J.P." Kaale as Chief Sitting Bull, and Jess Philbin as Dolly Tate. Dave Drown portrays Charlie Davenport while Tom Gerez is Pawnee Bill.

Orland residents in the cast include Gina Burnett, Alex Earhart, Charlie Fahey, Shea Fahey, Ashley Herbold, Gina Johnson, Timmy Klotz, Sabrina Mangan, Stephanie Owens, Alexis Petro, Courtney Petro, Karly Petro, Mary Tuminello and Stephanie Witte.

Tinley residents include Clare Kownacki, Kate Kownacki, John Medema,

Linda Presley and Chris Sanderson. Also appearing are Christine Beauregard (E.P.), Ashley Fister (Mokena), Alyse Gray (New Lenox), Jill Oliver (Palos Pk), Amanda Stechly (Orland Hills), Louis Sidlow (O.F.), Alice Trull (Bedford Pk), Randy Trull (Bedford Pk) and Hana Urban (Darien).

Advance tickets are available at Orland Park's Loebe Rec. Center, 14650 S. Ravinia Ave. and at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th Street. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for children, age three to eleven. Group rates are available with prior arrangements. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. Only general seating is available.

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Susan Sipich

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Orland Park Vets announce "Orland Park Cares" collection

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission is collecting items for care packages to send to those currently serving overseas in the United States military, calling its collection efforts "Orland Park Cares." The entire community — individuals, families, churches, scout troops, schools, and civic groups — is invited to be a part of this effort.

"We have boxes in all of the village buildings so that residents and groups can easily drop off whatever they'd like to contribute to the 'Orland Park Cares' collection," said Orland Park Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer.

Suggested care package items include anti-itch cream, athlete's foot spray, baby wipes, batteries (AA & AAA), breath mints, cough drops, crossword puzzles, dental floss, disposable razors, eye drops, fly paper, fly swatters, freezer bags, hand sanitizer, individual packets of Italian or vinaigrette dressing to make MREs more palatable, insect repellent, lip balm, moisture cream, multi-vitamins, pens, shave cream, sun block, toilet paper, tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size Kleenex, vacuum-sealed foods, white tube socks or anything else contributors might think military personnel would need.

Contributions for the military care packages may be dropped off at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; the Orland Park Civic Center, the William R. Vogel Memorial, at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue; the Franklin E. Locbe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue; and at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

Further information about Orland Park's care package collection is available by calling Blummer at 708/403-6203.



Photo: Richard Lee from Country Club Hills shares to help those suffering in Africa.

Hillcrest students contribute to African Relief

Country Club Hills, Illinois, March 11, 2004: Hillcrest High School students and staff have contributed hundreds of dollars toward African relief in the recent Pennies for People collection. For the second year in a row, Richard Lee, a Hillcrest sophomore from Country Club Hills, has contributed a jug of money. He explained that he watches the infomercials showing that in some parts of Africa, people are suffering from hunger and illness. It moves his heart to save his coins and share.

Orland Theater Troupe "Wishes" for cast members

Recreation & Parks Department Production Open to Age Twelve & Older

The award-winning Village of Orland Park Theater Troupe will soon hold auditions for its May production of "Wishes." Written by Craig Sodaro, "Wishes" tells the tale of high school student Mary Jo Swanson and her younger brother and sister. The siblings are granted three wishes by a genie trapped in a bottle stolen from an art museum. The trio soon realizes that they have to be careful with what they wish for, because it just might come true.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema serves as executive producer for all of the village's shows while Orland Park Theatre Troupe Resident Director Frann Carnivele-Sidlow is producer/director for each production. Ashley Herbold, of Orland Park, has been named assistant director for this Orland Park Theatre Troupe production.

Auditions are open to those age twelve and older. Readings will be from the script. They will be held at the Orland Park Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue on Sunday, April 4, 2004 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Monday, April 5, 2004 from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Rehearsals will be held from April 8 to May 20. They will be held on Sundays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Performance dates will be May 21, 22 and 23.

Those cast must pay a registration fee of \$30 for Village of Orland Park residents, \$45 for non-residents. Or, cast members may secure an equivalent amount of advertising for the show's program.

For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

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Orland to host Neuro-muscular Seminar

Available Treatments for Different Disorders Described

Orland Park, Illinois- Advanced technology helps treat neuromuscular diseases and conditions, helping with the coping process.

On Thursday, March 18th, the Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services will host an informational seminar entitled, "Management for Neuromuscular Patients." Sponsored in cooperation with School Psychologist/Advocate Linda DiFonzo-Sapit, the seminar will begin at 7:00 P.M. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

This program is open to the public.

Featured speakers include Dr. Deborah Gaebler and Dr. Luciano Dias.

There is no cost to attend; yet reservations are required. Interested persons should call the Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188 for more information and to make a reservation for the seminar.

Orland Park Vets' Commission to host family support group

Commission Seeks Military Address of Local Service Personnel

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission is reaching out to families with loved ones currently serving in the United States military. A family support group will meet for the first time on Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 P.M. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

"When we hosted our Candlelight Prayer Service for military families last April, some of the family members talked about forming a support group," said Orland Park Veterans' Commission Chair Tom Dubelbeis. "We're hoping to hear from or see many of the area families who have loved ones currently serving our country," he added.

Visitors to Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall continue to be drawn to the lobby bulletin board bearing the title, "Orland Park's Hometown Heroes." First created in March, 2003, the board is a tribute to the many area men and women who are serving in the United States military. Photos of area residents currently serving in the United States military remain on the board.

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission is also gathering the names and military addresses of area residents currently serving. "We've received a number of requests from Orland Park families, individuals, scout troops, churches and more, asking for the military addresses of local men and women serving our country," said Orland Park Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer.

Dubelbeis added, "These people want to send letters of encouragement and care packages to local service personnel. The Veterans' Commission will maintain the database of these addresses, updating them as information is received from local family members." Once a loved one's military address is submitted, families should let the commission know if a loved one has been transferred or discharged.

Further information about the family support group and submitting loved ones' military addresses is available by calling Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203.

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Mayor Bennet and George Pappas

Palos Hills hosts party

By Carlene O'Connor

Citizens for Jerry Bennett hosted a cocktail party on March 5 at the Belvedere Chateau in Palos Hills to honor the mayor. Over 500 people were in attendance including Sam Simone of the Democratic Party, Anne Zickus of the Republican Party, several people from the Palos Township, District 117,

all the aldermen, Mayor Baca of Palos Park, Mayor Bob Straz of Palos Heights, as well as several other politicians and residents.

There was an Irish band and everything was decorated in an Irish motif. The buffet was superb. All seemed to enjoy the excitement and cannot wait for the next party.

State funding for education reform

By Carlene O'Connor

At the last meeting of the Palos Hills City Council they voted unanimously to fund public education.

The resolution says that the state should fund 51 percent of the cost of education rather than the taxpayers.

Mayor Bennett said that Illinois was second in the nation to rely on property taxes

to fund education. He feels strongly that they should not get any higher and that there may even be an uprise if they did.

The solution was drafted by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and will be sent to Governor Blagojevich, Senator Emil Jones, and House Minority leader Tom Cross.



Collette Wojtech

Wojtech promoted to Vice President

College and Moraine Valley Community College for numerous business and banking courses.

Ms. Wojtech is also very involved in the community. Since 1988, she has been involved

with the Palos Heights Chamber of Commerce and was elected to the board of directors in 1990 and was treasurer from 1992 to 2002. In January of 2002, Collette was recognized for her support and commitment to the Palos Heights community and received the prestigious 2001 Eugene Simpson Award for outstanding civic leadership.

A resident of Palos Heights, Collette enjoys her free time traveling, gardening and spending time with her husband and family.

Founders Bank has offices in Worth, Mount Greenwood, Palos Heights, Oak Lawn, Tinley Park, Homer Glen, Plainfield, Joliet, Minooka and Channahon.

Tom Bugielski, President of Founders Bank, is pleased to announce the promotion of Collette Wojtech to Vice President. Collette has been with Founders Bank since 1977 and has made a substantial contribution to the Bank's success.

Ms. Wojtech began her banking career in 1976 as a teller in downtown Chicago. She joined Founders Bank in 1977 as teller supervisor and later assistant vice president of the Mount Greenwood office. Currently, Ms. Wojtech is responsible for daily compliance operations, personal banking and branch operations. "I enjoy what I do. I am dedicated to our customers and always look for new ways to make banking easier for them," she stated.

Ms. Wojtech is a graduate of the American Bankers Association School of Compliance Management. She also attended Daley Community

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Friday, March 19, 8 p.m.
Four B***** Babes
Dorothy Menker Theater

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Tickets: \$27 Adults
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Friday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.
Moraine Valley Student Recital
Dorothy Menker Theater
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premium for employee and spouse coverage will increase from \$55.39 to \$59.82.

A request from the Chicago Ridge Athletic Association to hold its annual parade on April 24th as well as a request from Misericordia to solicit on April 30th and May 1st was approved. The village also received a letter from Comcast Cable stating that they plan to increase the number of channels. Spring clean up will be April 23rd and April 30 to May 2nd.

March 6th, Trustee Bruce Quintos traveled to Lake Bluff where The Law Enforcement Special Olympics had their annual polar plunge into Lake Michigan. Quintos represented Chicago Ridge by wearing his kilts and playing the bagpipes while he took the plunge along with other police officers and retired police officers throughout Illinois.

Chicago Ridge Police Department hires New Officer

By Matt Mayer

Police officer Scott Gutkowski received the oath of office at the March 2nd Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Gutkowski served on the Merrionette Park Police Department for the past 6 years. He has thus far received 400 hours of training and only needs to complete two weeks of re-training. Police Chief Tim Balderman was also given approval to hire two part time officers and one desk

operator. Jennifer Sepessy, Jim Spearman and Richard Kuchyt. The board also approved Jeremy Senese, Gregory Swann and Richard Conejo as paid on-call fire fighters.

The board awarded a contract to Amber Mechanical in the amount of \$740.00 for boiler repairs. The 2004 Aquamist service agreement for \$410.00 for the sprinkling system was also approved. There will be a MetLife increase for dental insurance with the premium per employee increasing from \$26.99 to \$29.15. The

ley music students as they present classical, sacred, contemporary and Broadway selections. Free Admission

Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.
Southwest Community Band
Ray Forlenza, Director
Dorothy Menker Theater
The afternoon air will be filled with the sounds of American popular music. Join the Southwest Commu-

nity Band as they perform the music of George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, Andrew Lloyd Weber, John Williams, and John Philip Sousa.
Tickets: \$11 Adults
\$9 Seniors and Students

For tickets or more information on any performance, please contact the Box Office at (708) 974-5500, or visit the Moraine Valley web page at www.morainevalley.edu.

Green Hills makes plans

Survive at Green Hills

Green Hills Public Library invites you to register for our Survivor game show March 23 at 6:30p.m. Who can eat the most Gummi Bugs? Who will conquer the Tarzan Yell off or Hula Dancing challenge? The audience will decide who will be our next survivor. So come one and all for this great evening of entertainment. Call the Youth Services Department at 708-598-8446 ext. 19 for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Giant book sale

The Friends of the Green Hills Library will hold their Spring Used Book Sale Saturday March 27 through Saturday April 3, during regular Library business hours. Although the library is closed on Monday, the book sale will be OPEN from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.! That makes 8 full days for the sale. Stop in and look through our collection of hardcover and paperback books, videos, books-on-tape, CD's, records, & more. There will also be a pre-sale for Friends of the Library ONLY on March 26 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Membership applications will be accepted! The sale will take place in the library's downstairs meeting room at 8611 West 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

Aartwork a treat

The artwork of students from Conrady Jr. High will be on display throughout the month of March. Take a moment to look over this collection of drawings, paintings, sculpture and more. See if you can spot the doughnuts. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Child Care business wellness checkup

If you have a child care business that you've owned for at least two years and need help with one or more aspects of business operations, you can get the answers to your questions, as well as network with other business owners, at the Business Wellness Clinic on Wednesday, April 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 400, in Chicago. Experienced business experts representing more than a dozen fields will lead small-group discussions on topics that include business financing, Web site design, insurance, architecture, accounting, hiring issues and marketing/public relations. The sessions will rotate every 20 minutes so that participants can participate in other discussion groups or take a break to network with other child care business owners. Speakers will include Joe Hernandez, City of Chicago Business Express; Ernesta F. Ware, of LaSalle Bank; Lavonne Hayes-Strickland, of Allstate Insurance; Brandy Agerbeck, Twenty-two Web Design; Virginia Lippig, Lombard Financial Services; Deb Sutow, Paychex; Norma Sutton, Community Economic Development Law Project; Donalod Draudt, Northwestern Mutual; Randy Jacobson, Architect Services; Greg Washington, financial strategist; Sylvia Wynn, SJW Enterprises (marketing); Janice Bailey, WBDC's accountant; and Chris Ruys, Chris Ruys Communications, Inc. (public relations).

"This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from experts as well as other business owners who may have faced similar problems, issues or concerns," said Elizabeth Gardner, WBDC's Child Care Business Initiative Coordinator. Cost to attend is \$35.00 per person. To reserve a space, contact the Women's Business Development Center at (312) 853-3477, ext. 0. For more information about this or other WBDC workshops and events, log onto their Web site at www.wbdc.org.

Founded in 1986, the Women's Business Development Center is the largest, oldest and most comprehensive women's business assistance center in the United States. In 2003 alone, the WBDC provided entrepreneurial training to more than 1,200 prospective and established entrepreneurs; business counseling to over 700 entrepreneurs, and financial techni-



Fulbright Scholar Dr. Adnan Mehdi Ibrahim

Moraine Valley Community College will present "Not a Desert Country: Youth and Socio-Political Changes in Lebanon"-a talk by Visiting Fulbright Scholar Dr. Adnan Mehdi Ibrahim El Amine. The discussion will take place on Monday, March 29, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the college's Moraine Rooms on the second floor of Building C, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The discussion is supported by the Fulbright Visiting Specialists "Direct Access to the Muslim World" program. There is no charge for admission, and the discussion is open to the public.

Dr. El Amine holds two doctorates in education from the University of Paris-Sorbonne in France. He has written and lectured on curriculum development, political socialization, and access to education in Lebanon and higher education issues in the Arab States.

As a Fulbright scholar, Dr. El Amine is part of a network of individuals since World War II chosen for their leadership potential to promote "mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world." Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Program was proposed to the U.S. Congress

cal assistance to 160 clients. It assisted clients in obtaining over \$3.5 million in business loans and provided procurement assistance resulting in over \$75 million in contracts and sub-contracts in the public and private sectors.

The Women's Business Development Center is located at 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 400, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

Moraine Valley to present Lebanon discussion with Fulbright Scholar

in 1945 by then freshman Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, whose vision was approved by Congress and the program signed into law by President Truman in 1946. Both U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars lecture or conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields, primarily through university lecturing, advanced research, graduate study and teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

For more information about the discussion, call Linda Gruber, Moraine Valley's global education coordinator, at (708) 974-5558, or e-mail gruber@morainevalley.edu.

"Joe Organizer" visits the Timbers of Shorewood

Learn how to get it together!

The public and residents of The Timbers are invited to a workshop on how to organize at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27 in the Grand Ballroom of The Timbers of Shorewood, 1100 N. River Road.

Beth Randall of Joliet, president of "Joe Organizer," has designed the workshop to address the organizational needs of seniors thinking about a move to retirement living or, once there, organizing to fit a smaller space. She will share tips on: organizing small spaces, moving/downsizing, and organizing to help sell a home.

Randall is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers. Her business, Joe Organizer, is based in Joliet. She helps with the attic, basement, closets, computer, drawers,

files, garage, home offices, pantry, photos and toys.

"I am committed to helping people change their habits and stay organized," Randall said. "My guiding principles are integrity, honesty and confidentiality."

The Timbers of Shorewood is a rental retirement community which provides independent and assisted living apartments and a full schedule of activities and services. Residents, whose needs may change, are able to stay in the same place and receive appropriate care.

This event is free and open to the public, space permitting. Reservations are requested. For more information, call Bridget Osswald at (815) 609-0669.

Frankenstein on its way to Moraine

Join the discussion as Moraine Valley Community College partners with nine area public libraries to present Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature, an exhibit based on Mary Shelley's classic 1818 novel.

Moraine's Library is one of 80 libraries nationwide to host the traveling exhibition when it opens March 30. The exhibit will officially close on April 28th at 6:30 p.m.

For more info visit www.morainevalley.edu/frankenstein on the Web, or call (708) 974-5235.



Wilbur Mills, Senior Marketing Executive of Senior Markets-Direct Markets for Blue Cross Blue Shield, presented the golden cup award to Scott Farrow.

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United Insurance Services Receives Prestigious Blue Cross Blue Shield Award

Scott Farrow, President of United Insurance Services, Ltd., (UIS) in southwest suburban Palos Heights, received the prestigious Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois "Senior Agency of the Year" Award for 2003. Wilbur Mills, Senior Marketing Executive of Senior Markets-Direct Markets for Blue Cross Blue Shield, presented the golden cup award to Mr. Farrow.

This marks the third consecutive year that UIS received the award. "We are proud of our exemplary record of sales and service," says Mr. Farrow. "And we feel that our reputation in the senior community is second to none."

In addition to Blue Cross Blue Shield recognition, UIS also qualified for the renowned National Association of Health Underwriters' (NAHU) Golden Eagle award for seven consecutive years. The NAHU represents the top 1% of producers in the nation.

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Evergreen Park to change its curfew law

by Matt Mayer

At the March 15th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved an ordinance amending the section of a ordinance pertaining to minors and under aged persons, in reference to miscellaneous provisions and offences, of the Evergreen Park Municipal code. This change was made in order to comply with a Federal Appeals Court ruling in Chicago.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Indiana curfew law is unconstitutional. The court ruled that the law "unduly chills the exercise of a minors First Amendment rights". Exceptions include being with a parent, emergencies being at or traveling to and from work, a school-sanctioned activity, a religious event, or an activity involving the exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment. The Indiana General Assembly enacted Indiana's curfew law in 2001.

A resident in the 2800 block of 91st St reported a persistent problem with rats in and around the area of 91st and California. He stated that they personally have had problems on four different occasions. The resident stated that Mayor Sexton has known about the problem and has called him on several occasions to follow up on their problems. The resident felt that this is a very serious problem and presented to the board a signed petition from residents in the affected area.

Mayor Sexton briefly out-

lined the measures the village has taken in the past six months to address this issue, such as hiring a full time employee to perform alley inspections and animal and rodent control. Sexton said The Anderson Company was previously making weekly inspections which have been increased to two or three inspections per week and that these inspections are village wide. Sexton also said he would like to hear from other residents who may be having rodent problems so the village knows what locations to target. "We're looking at all different avenues here, trying to find out where the problem started and how we can end this," Sexton said.

The board approved the following applications for business regulation certificates - AIG American General, an insurance office at 9730 S. Western Ave, Suite 834, Gingiss Formalwear at the Plaza and Career Development at 9500 S. Avers Ave. A resolution approving an agreement between the Village of Evergreen Park and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation, pertaining to construction on state highways was approved - as well as a request for the 2nd annual Zooming for Zach Charity Motorcycle Ride on Sunday May 16th. The next meeting is April 6th.

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Pictured left to right are part time receptionists for Oak Lawn Library greeting and directing patrons to various locations within the library. They are Jennifer Webster, Oak Lawn and Catherine Smitko, Evergreen Park.

OL Library has ribbon cutting ceremony

On Monday at 9:00 am a special ribbon cutting ceremony took place. Trustees are to be commended for the foresight of establishing a vital need for our community by approving an enormous undertaking for all patrons of the library system. They are Shirley Barrett, President; Joann Buschbach, Vice President; Suzanne Marzano, Sec.; Patricia Roberts, Fin. Sec.; Frank March, Marian Sullivan, Michael Sutko. The library board meets every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room.

Oak Lawn hires new firefighter

by Matt Mayer

The board moved swiftly though the agenda at the March 23rd Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting commenced with Village Clerk Jayne Powers swearing in David Vogrich as a firefighter. As with other local municipalities through out the country, the board

approved an ordinance amending a section of the village code in reference to curfew law.

This amendment is in compliance with a Federal Appeals Court ruling in Chicago, in which the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Indiana curfew law, which was enacted by the General Assembly in 2001, is unconstitutional.

The court ruled that the law "unduly chills the exercise of a minor's First Amendment rights".

Exceptions include being with a parent, emergencies being at or traveling to and from work, a school-sanctioned activity, a religious event, or an activity involving the exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment.

The board approved a request for special use to allow meetings at the Fraternal Lodge (Knights of Columbus) Meeting Hall in a C-1 (General Business) zoning district at 5007 W. 95th St. as well as a request for variation in size and wall length for an accessory structure at 9401 S. Oak Park Ave for the Park District. The board approved posting "No Parking from 8 am to 4 pm on School Days" signs on 93rd Street, between Austin and Melvina Ave.

The board approved an ordinance calling for a public hearing and a joint review board meeting to consider designation of a redevelopment project for the Village of Oak Lawn Commuter Parking Lot/Station TIF District. Copies of the fully executed ordinance will be mailed out on March 26th. Pursuant to the provisions of the TIF Act, the President and Board of Trustees have designated a public hearing on Tuesday May 25th at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, second floor, to hear from any interested persons, taxpayers, or affected taxing districts, regarding the proposed designation of the redevelopment project area.

A copy of the proposed redevelopment plan and redevelopment project has been on file in the office of the Village Clerk and has been available for public inspection during regular village business hours, since March 9, 2004. A notice setting forth the availability of the redevelopment plan and eligibility report, and how to

obtain a copy shall be sent to all residential addresses within 750 feet of the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment project area and to all persons who have registered on the Village's TIF Interested Parties Registry. A notice of the public hearing and the jrb meeting shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and a notice of the public hearing shall be given by publication pursuant to sections of the TIF act.

Common addresses are 9537 S. 52nd Ave, 9540 S. Tully Ave; the east side of Tully Avenue from the Norfolk and Southern railroad tracks to 96th St; the west side of 51st Ave from 95th St to 96th St; 5021 W. 95th St; 5031-37 W. 95th Street; 5041 W. 95th St; 9521 S. 51st Ave; 9500 S. 50th Court; and 5000 W. 95th Street. At the public hearing, any interested person, taxpayer or affected taxing district may file with the village clerk written comments and or objections and may be heard orally with respect to any issues embodied in the public hearing notice.

The board approved an ordinance amending the number of class "I" liquor licenses which can be issued for TGI Fridays, a request for in-kind services and waiver of fees for the 2004 Family Days Festival, July 9th thru August 1st as well as a Park District request for funds to help defray the cost of the 4th of July fireworks display. Acting Village President Ron Stancik reported that Oak Lawn was named as a 2003 Tree City and Growth Award recipient by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The next meeting is April 13th.

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Air Force Airman 1st
Class Natalie L. Malquist has
graduated from basic mili-
tary training at Lackland Air
Force Base, San Antonio, Tx.

During the six weeks of
training, the airman studied
the Air Force mission, orga-
nization, and military cus-

oms and courtesies; per-
formed drill and ceremony
marches, and received physi-
cal training, rifle marksmanship,
field training exercises,
and special training in human
relations.

In addition, airmen who
complete basic training earn

credits toward an associate
degree through the Commu-
nity College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of
Ronald and Mireya Malquist
of W. 90th St., Oak Lawn.

Malquist is a 2001 gradu-
ate of Oak Lawn Community
High School.

Army National Guard
Pvt. Neal R. Dixon has
graduated from basic combat
military training at Fort Sill,
Lawton, Okla.

During the eight weeks of
training, the soldier studied
the Army mission and re-
ceived instruction in drill and
ceremonies, rifle marksmanship,
weapons, map reading,
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ness, first aid, Army history,
core values and traditions,
and special training in human
relations.

Dixon is the son of Rob-
ert B. and Karen E. Dixon of
Oak Lawn.

In 2003, the soldier
graduated from Oak Lawn
Community High School.

Army 2nd Lt. John A.
Gabriel has graduated from
the U.S. Army Ranger
School at Fort Benning, Co-
lumbus, Ga., with authoriza-
tion to wear the distinctive
Ranger Tab. A graduate of
the Ranger course is the
epitome of the U.S. infantry-
man.

During the 61-day course,
the Ranger proved that he
could successfully accom-
plish all required tasks dur-
ing the three phases of train-
ing. The course is designed
to assess and develop mili-
tary skills, physical and men-
tal endurance, stamina, and
confidence of the soldier to
successfully accomplish
small unit combat missions.
The training is tough, rug-
ged, strenuous, and realistic,
and is conducted in three ter-
rains, wooded, mountainous,
and jungle-swamp. The sol-
dier is trained to withstand
the stresses of combat and
overcome all obstacles to ac-
complish the mission under
any circumstance or situa-
tion. The Ranger is trained to
properly sustain himself and
his subordinates, and main-
tain equipment under diffi-
cult field conditions during
simulated combat opera-
tions; develop combat func-
tional skills for planning and
conducting ground, airmo-
bile, airborne, and water-
borne patrolling and survival
operations.

Gabriel is assigned to the
19th Airborne Division, Fort
Campbell, Ky.

He is the son of John P.
Gabriel of Wooded Path
Drive, Palos Hills, Ill.
The lieutenant graduated in
1999 from Nazareth Acad-
emy, LaGrange Park, Ill., and
received a bachelor's degree
in 2003 from U.S. Military
Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Army Sgt. Chris M. Mayo
has returned to the 173rd
Airborne Brigade in
Vicenza, Italy, after complet-
ing a deployment to Iraq in
support of Operation Iraqi
Freedom with additional par-
ticipation in Operation
Northern Delay.

During Operation North-
ern Delay at Bashir Airfield,
the brigade paratroopers of
established the northernmost
coalition offensive boundary
and created a stable logisti-
cal intersecting point to al-
low the introduction of
equipment and troops into
the theater. The operation
was the largest airborne as-
sault since World War II and
forced Iraqi army to maintain
approximately six divisions
in the area to protect their
northern flank, providing
strategic relief for the Coali-
tion Forces advancing on
Baghdad.

The multiple operations
missions of the brigade para-
troopers included seizing the
city of Kirkuk, the northern
oil fields and several military
airfields, thousands of enemy
weapons and explosives,
millions of dinars worth of
terrorist funds, and defeated
organized military resistance
and arrested hundreds of ter-
rorist and former regime loy-
alists.

Mayo is a team leader
with four years of military
service. He is the son of
Margret A. Bressanelli of W.
164th Place, Tinley Park. His
wife, Megan, is the daughter
of Ray and Nancy Greiner of
West 77 St., Crown Point, Ind.

The sergeant is a 1994
graduate of Victor J. Andrew
High School, Tinley Park.

Navy Reserve Cmdr. Gre-
gory J. Pertle completed the
Reserve Officer National Se-
curity Decision Making
course at the U.S. Naval War
College in Newport, R.I.
During the intensive two-
week course, the student par-
ticipated as a member of
graduate-level seminars de-
voted to studying national
security decision making
from the perspective of a
Joint Task Force com-
mander. The course better
prepares and trains senior
officers of reserve compo-
nents to advise senior offi-



Sheriff's Office executive honored by veterans group

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (left) congrat-
ulates Robert Beavers who was honored recently by the Illi-
nois Department of Veterans Affairs and the Chicago Com-
mission on Human Relations. Beavers, who serves as the Chief
Deputy in the Sheriff's Office, was honored in a ceremony
that paid tribute to African American veterans.

Beavers served as a paratrooper with the United States
Army during the Korean War. Prior to joining the sheriff's
Office in 1993, Beavers had a decorated 35-year career with
the Chicago Police Department.

Avila to address Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors

Commissioner Frank Avila of the Metropolitan Water
Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before
the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Seniors, Thursday, April 1
at 1:15 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt, Oak
Lawn.

Elaine Kardosh, coordinator, announced that
Commissioner Avila will discuss the Deep Tunnel project
and other functions of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation
District with a slide presentation. A question and answer
session will follow.

The commissioner has over 40 years of experience as an
engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300
engineering projects. He received his Bachelor of Science
degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois,
Champaign-Urbana and a Master of Science from the
University of Arizona.

ers to make sound decisions
at the major command level.

The reservist studied U.S.
national military strategy and
force planning, major behav-
ioral and management con-
trol issues that influence na-
tional security decision mak-
ing, policy making and
change; and the structure,
process, and major issues in-
volved in choosing and pro-
gramming future military
forces.

Pertle is an engineering
instructor assigned to the
Great Lakes Naval Station,
Ill. He has 20 years of mili-

tary service.

He is the son of Harry
Pertle of South 102 St., West
Allis, Wis., and brother of
Deborah Snedigar of West
Burdick Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

His wife, Lauren, is the
daughter of Lee Mizera of
Clearview Drive, Orland Park.

The commander gradu-
ated in 1980 from Nathan
Hale High School, West
Allis, and received a
bachelor's degree in 1984
from Marquette University,
Milwaukee. He earned a
master's degree in 1993 from
Troy State University, Ala.

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Jim Zwit visits Brother Rice High School and shares his experiences from the Vietnam War.

What about the vets?

By: Rudi Hancock

Veterans of the past wars and of this war are held with the highest esteem. These men and women fought for each one of us. They fought and fight for the American people so we could go about our daily lives knowing that there were and are honorable men and women out there in the trenches for our freedom. We as people could never forget about our veterans and those in Iraq, they are a part of who we are and what we stand for. They represent freedom and prosperity for all Americans.

Respect for our vets starts at home. Jim Zwit of LaGrange visited Brother Rice High School to talk about his experiences fighting in the jungles of the Vietnam War. He was a Specialist 4th Class in the 501st Infantry, 2nd Battalion, A Company with the 101st Air Bourne. He is now a private investigator. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Chicago Ridge Post No. 177, Chicago Ridge, IL, presented awards to the winners of the VFW Patriot's pen contest at Finley Jr. High School, Chicago Ridge and Owens Scholastic Academy located in the Ashburn Community in Chicago for their essays on a given patriotic topic for all 7th and 8th grade students.

It is not easy for the families or for the individuals in Iraq. Any thing we as a community can do to make things easier on their families and them should be done. For this very reason the Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission is starting a support group for families whose loved ones are currently serving in the United States military. No one is alone in this war we are in it together. Items are also being collected for care packages for the military overseas. The collection effort is called "Orland Park Cares." Any items that you think the troops could use would be appreciated such as athlete's foot spray, disposable razors, socks, and multi-vitamins. Lets come together as a community to help our troops. For information about the support group or contributions for the care packages call Gail Blummer at (708) 403-6203.

Coming out of the war some vets feel disregarded and sometimes have nowhere to go. Veterans have ended up homeless for not being able to find work after the war. They had nowhere to go. Some were even looked down upon for even fighting in some wars such as Vietnam. Some Veterans suffered mental anguish from the war and could never forget the things they saw. The recently implemented in Chicago Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program, furnishes burials with military honors to former members of the armed forces who die without resources or family member to take care of their final arrangements. This program has buried homeless veterans in the Chicago area. Service Corporation International (SCI) implements the new burial program in cities throughout the United States. We have to take care and think about our Veterans who fought for us in wars and that may have lost people or things near and dear to them.

Those who served the country well are honorable and true individuals. They did what many could not do. They stood up for their country and what they believed in. Some and their families have suffered for this thing called war where there are no winners only losers. They fight for freedom, peace and liberty. They wear the colors red, white, and blue on their hearts. These people deserved to be honored and revered. They teach us our history because they have lived it and stared it in the eyes. They and they alone are the heroes of the past, present, and future and will live on in the hearts and memories of everyone.



Tiearra Bostick is in 7th grade and was awarded a 100 dollar US Savings Bond at a school ceremony in her classroom.

Unity Party of Oak Lawn is formed



Worth Township Highway Commissioner Dave Heilmann

At the present time Dave Heilmann, current Worth Township Highway Commissioner has announced the formation of the Unity Party of Oak Lawn. Undisclosed names are at this time for other Unity Party members. It is now time to organize and elect new leaders to preserve the values instilled before them and to lead the residents of Oak Lawn into the future. The Unity Party is non-partisan.

J. Powers heads the Coalition Party for Mayor. Petitions for candidates will be

circulated in October 2004 for the election in April 2005.

The needs of residents today are not the same as 30 years ago because of the current baby-boomers. There is a rapid growing and positive sentiment in Oak Lawn for new leadership, for fresh faces, and for more creative thinking and ideas.

It's time to unite behind a new leader for our future: Dave Heilmann for Mayor of Oak Lawn.

It is healthy to keep government open and to keep elected officials on their toes. Political offices should not become "comfortable" jobs. Oak Lawn is a community of 56,000 with people from all walks of life. It is necessary to use people with real life world experiences to provide leadership to take the community into the 21st century.

Dave Heilmann was elected in 1989 to the Oak Lawn Park District Board. At the end of his tenure in 2001 the Oak Lawn Park District had a new golf course, new clubhouse, new ice arena, live theater and an award-winning children's theater program. With the Park District over \$2,000,000 in new business and revenue resulted. Plus residents had a

lower tax bill than 1989. Dave brought new leadership and vision to improve life.

He personally met the United States EPA and state officials and turned a "sludge-filled" eyesore into an award winning wetlands and Stony Creek Golf course. After the fire that damaged the district building, he negotiated successfully for an additional \$450,000 for taxpayers of Oak Lawn. As Highway Commissioner for 9 years, Heilmann's office did not raise taxes for seven years. Worth Township Highway taxes are lower than 1995. Heilmann has vision, determination and resolve.

Dave Heilmann has worked his whole life towards the goal of being Mayor. He is a proven leader, stable, has needed business experience and he will devote time, energy and enthusiasm into the roll.

Dave said "It is our responsibility to prepare this Village for the future and to never stop striving to make a better place for our families". There will be a kick-off presentation April 6, 2004 at 7PM at Stony Creek Clubhouse. Be there! It's time to unite for a leader for our future: Dave Heilmann for Mayor of Oak Lawn.



Commissioner Liz Gorman taking oath for Orland Township Committeeman position with Senator Peter Fitzgerald

Fitzgerald swears in Gorman as GOP Orland Township Committeeman

Maureen Murphy reported that Commissioner Elizabeth Ann Doody Gorman has accepted the Orland Township Committeeman position. Commissioner Liz Gorman has been a great asset and leader of the Cook County Board of Commissioners with her energy and enthusiasm.

Orland Township is reported the largest growing body in Cook County. With Liz Gorman's leadership, they hope to increase voter registrations for the Republican Party's reelection of George W. Bush and the successful election of Senate candidate Jack Ryan in November 2004.

The position of the Orland Township Committeeman is elected. The previous incumbent Senator Maher stepped down which allows more time for personal matters. Maureen Murphy as the County Chairman appointed Liz Gorman, that bridges the old and new guard in the Party.

The appointment of Orland Township Committeeman is to fill the remaining two-year term. Gorman will run in two years in the election for Orland Township Committeeman.

At a recent Cook County Republican luncheon, Liz Ann Gorman was surprised by Senator Peter Fitzgerald's presence to swear her in for the position.

Liz is married to Jerry and they have three sons. They have resided in Tinley Park over 10 years since their marriage.

District 229 referendum fails, idea lives on

By David Vognar

After all the controversy, all the editorials both for and against, all the hubbub from Ridgeland to Cicero, the hopes of Oak Lawn Community High School building a new school came down to a simple statistic: 70% to 30%.

That, according to the most accurate renderings, is the percentage by which the proposed referendum to build a new school at 95th Street and Southwest Highway failed on the March 16 primary election date.

Despite the impassioned pleas from District 229 Superintendent Dr. James Briscoe, residents overwhelmingly nixed the proposal that would have requested an issuing of \$66 million in bonds to construct a new school.

Though Briscoe and other board members might still consider putting the issue up to referendum in the November elections—or possibly asking for funding for renovations and improvements—the loss still stands as a striking blow.

According to a committee commissioned by the school board, the wiring of this 52-year-old building works to Oak Lawn's disadvantage. Poor heating and cooling systems cost the school an exorbitant, and pointless, amount of additional money. Outdated band rooms and extra-curricular facilities do not conform with area standards, and some parts of the school do not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Those facts, though, did not resonate with voters who have, in the past few years, had to shoulder an extremely onerous tax burden to support an education system that is poorly funded by the state.

Currently, Illinois ranks 48th in the nation in terms of state-supported financing of public education systems.

Part of the reason why the drubbing was so pronounced may have to do with voter turnout. Just a few scant days

before the election, a group known as the Cook County Tax Watch sent out scare-fliers, warning area residents about other botched referendums, in which schools underestimated annual tax increases. Some say the gloom-and-doom message that the fliers disseminated might have frightened voters to the polling stations.

Yet, questions remain concerning the Cook County Tax Watch group. While claiming to be non-partisan, the group admitted it was funded by the Worth Township Republican organization. Also, some of its information was purely fictitious. The group claimed that Oak Lawn has \$20 million in reserve, when it actually only has \$13 million, according to the Daily Southtown. Also, the amount of students the flier claimed continue on to four-year colleges was much lower than the actual percentage, which is upwards of 80%.

As more and more burden is being placed on local citizens to fund education, it is no wonder the estimated \$100-plus tax increase per year was trounced so thoroughly, even sans the fliers purporting that a new school would not improve education. Nevertheless, reports indicate that Briscoe and the board are reorganizing their strategy; they are far

Evergreen Park Historical Commission meets

The Evergreen Park Historical Commission will hold its next meeting on Wednesday March 31, 2004 at 7:30pm in room 110 of the Maher Center, 3450 W. 97th Street.

The meeting is open to the public.

Among the items on the agenda will be the chairman's report on the collection of Martinique/Drury Lane memorabilia.

Evergreen Park Historical Commission continues its quest to collect artifacts for its planned historical museum. Chairman is Jerry Bosch at the Village Hall (708-422-1551 ex 2385)

Maloney's bill calls for additional regulations for mosquito abatement district

State Senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) has advanced legislation to the Senate floor that will increase both the surveillance and the reporting of mosquito-borne diseases.

SB 2879, which recently passed the Senate Local Government Committee, will require the trustees of mosquito abatement districts conduct routine inspections for mosquito-borne diseases and, in the event of infection, report the information within 24 hours to the local certified public health department.

This legislation stems from problems that occurred during the summer of 2002. During one of the worst outbreaks of the West Nile Virus, the local mosquito abatement district was experiencing up to a three week lag time between identifying infected areas and reporting it to the local health department. SB 2879 will ensure that health departments are notified in a timely fashion.

"The real issue is public safety and this legislation will go a long way toward preventing another disastrous outbreak. This legislation is necessary to increase the communication between the mosquito abatement district and local health departments," stated Maloney. "This legislation will also provide for consequences for lack of action on the part of the mosquito abatement district. District trustees or their designees who fail to report infected samples within 24 hours are guilty of a Class A misdemeanor."

In 2002, there were over 634 reported cases of West Nile Virus in Cook County alone with the collar counties reporting 84 cases. Even more alarmingly, there were 62 deaths attributed to West Nile Virus in Illinois that year, with 37 from Cook County and five from the collar counties.

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Moraine Valley to host Northwestern Memorial Hospital panel discussion

Moraine Valley Community College and Northwestern Memorial Hospital will co-sponsor a Medical Education Series panel discussion on sleep disorders entitled "Sleep: Implications for Health" Wednesday, April 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. The discussion will take place on the Moraine Valley campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, in Moraine Rooms 1 and 2 on the second floor of the College Center. There is no charge for admission.

Dr. Phyllis Zee, professor of neurology and director of the Sleep Disorders Center at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, will give the presentation, which will address the following topics:

- What is normal sleep and how does sleep change with age?
- Signs of insufficient or poor sleep quality
- Relationship between sleep and quality and health
- Common sleep disorders and treatments
- What you can do to improve sleep quality

The Medical Education Series is a cooperative offering between Moraine Valley and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. For more information or to register, call Sharon Kennedy, dean of Career Programs at Moraine Valley, at (708) 974-5708.

Thyroid disorders often misdiagnosed

Thyroid disorders are among the most common medical conditions. However, because their symptoms often appear gradually, the condition is often misdiagnosed, according to Dr. Nila Vora, a board-certified endocrinologist at the Loyola Primary Care Center in Darien.

The most common thyroid disorders are overactive thyroid or hyperthyroidism and underactive thyroid, also referred to as hypothyroidism. Overactive thyroid develops when the thyroid gland, a small, butterfly-shaped gland located in the neck, produces too much thyroid hormones, which regulates the metabolism - the way the body burns calories to produce and store energy from foods eaten.

Symptoms of overactive thyroid include diarrhea, anxiety, heart palpitations, hair loss, increased appetite and irregular menstrual periods.

The condition is diagnosed through a medical history, a physical exam and a blood test that check the levels of thyroid hormones. Patients may experience the condition again after successful treatment. Therefore, it is important that the thyroid hormone levels are checked regularly. 'Left untreated,

overactive thyroid can lead to an irregular heart rhythm, osteoporosis and other life-threatening conditions,' said Vora, who also serves as assistant professor in internal medicine at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Treatments that have proven effective include medication and radioactive iodine, which destroys the overactive thyroid tissue. If none of these treatment options succeed, surgery may be recommended.

In the case of underactive thyroid the opposite occurs. The thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroid hormones, which then affects many vital functions of the body. Symptoms include brittle hair, dry skin, constipation, fatigue or lack of energy, memory problems and heavy or irregular menstrual periods that may last longer than five to seven days. "The risk of the condition increases with age, with women at highest risk. In fact, one out of every eight American women will develop a thyroid disorder," said Vora.

Like overactive thyroid, the condition is diagnosed through a medical history, a physical exam and a blood test. Although it cannot be prevented, people can watch for the symptoms, so that it can be treated promptly. The American Thyroid Association recommends that all adults be tested beginning at age 35 and then every five years thereafter. Older adults, especially women older than 50, those with a strong family history of the thyroid disorder, rheumatoid arthritis and type I diabetes also should be tested.

Standard treatment for underactive thyroid includes oral medication on a daily basis. Patients should experience a relief of their symptoms within a few months of starting treatment. Most patients, however, need to take medication for life. Left untreated, the condition also can lead to more serious medical conditions, including heart disease.

Vora encourages patients to check with their doctors if they experience any of these symptoms. Simple and painless steps like a physical exam and blood test can save someone's life and significantly improve quality of life. For more information or to schedule an appointment with Vora, call Loyola Primary Care Center at Darien at 630-985-4989.

Proper light linked to health

New discoveries about lighting and human health, its impact on breast cancer and Alzheimer's, and other diseases, lead those in the field of lighting to predict that the way we light our offices, homes, and factories will be subject to massive change. Lighting has been designed until now, almost exclusively to support visual needs. A growing body of research tells us that lighting can do far more than help us see, however. As we learn more, new lighting system components will be created not only to enhance our visual performance, but to help prevent disease as well.

Many of light's health effects stem from its ability to in-

Medical Info



fluence circadian rhythms, 24-hour oscillations in neural activity controlled by a "master biological clock" located in the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) of the hypothalamus. Recently discovered nonvisual photosensitive retinal ganglion cells (RGCs) connect directly from the retina to the SCN, and there influence the secretion of melatonin by the pineal gland.

Melatonin acts somewhat as an anti-oxidant "blood cleaner" as its levels build up while we sleep. Light inhibits melatonin production at night, and research shows that women who work during late shifts are far more susceptible to breast cancer. This leads one to conclude that those who work at night need to use light and dark to create a more normal light-dark cycle.

Light is also associated with the production of vitamin D - "the sunshine vitamin" - a hormone that in some forms (D3) is manufactured in the skin, when light strikes it. Researchers suggest that people are obtaining less vitamin D3, because they have reduced their exposure to sunlight in order to avoid skin cancer. In a Finnish study, children who received vitamin D supplements from the age of one year had an 80% decreased risk of developing type 1 diabetes. Other studies show that people who work long hours indoors tend to be vitamin D deficient, and that vitamin D supplements or exposure to more light could significantly reduce the risk of colon and prostate cancer.

Light has also been shown to affect Alzheimer's Disease patients, who ordinarily exhibit random patterns of rest and activity. Through the use of light therapy, an experimental group was able to consolidate periods of rest and activity, greatly easing the responsibilities of caregivers. Interestingly, the wavelengths of the lighting used had an impact on results.

Other studies show that lighting can cure neonatal jaundice, psoriasis and other skin diseases, seasonal affective disorder, and sleep disorders, prevent myopia, and counteract airborne disease transmission. Studies under way are looking into lighting's impact on high blood pressure and heart disease.

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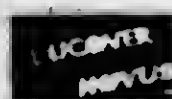
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Money is surely an issue but not the only one. Housing and family matters come full circle. All come out positive soon. R aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Someone with a somewhat "jaded" past enters into your scenario. Don't let them ridicule your values. An "A" is involved.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You may decide to take a trip soon. You really need to get out more and witness to nature's handiwork. S helps, ask. Numi says: The strength you need is already inside you...when you believe it, you'll have it.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You cannot live on promises, you need action and direction: Money comes and so does better health. A Leo and an M help.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Many of you find yourselves being sexier. You may also find money values in old things. B and L involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You can help others find a new path in life, but you can also find that your best expression comes in written form. G aids. Numi says: Some people require same things in multiples. You do not. Less is best.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You get a chance to speak up for your needs to people involved. You can rely on friends and family to help you too. C aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Your wishes are fulfilled everyday in some way. Reason your accomplishments, not just failures! W aids.

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My Psychic Observations & Insights: Dijaknow

Everyone's birthday comes up twice a day...on a clock! For instance, my birthday is October 28, or 10:28. Therefore, I get an energy-boost at 10:28am and then again at 10:28pm. My best friend's birthday is 10-8 so her energy-boost arrives at 10:08am and again at 10:08pm. Alyn's birthday is 11-1. These energy-booster are positive or negative, causing a direct effect on keeping you in bal-



Brett Brumm receiving award for outstanding sales

Chicago Ridge local receives Luxury Bath Systems President's Club Award

Luxury Bath Systems, locally operated as Jamik Luxury Bath, Inc., recently presented local franchise owner Brett Brumm with the President's Club Award during an annual meeting and award dinner in Bloomingdale, IL.

The award recognized Brumm's outstanding achievement of sales exceeding \$150,000 in 2003 and was presented by Davis Glassberg, president of Luxury Bath Systems.

"I am overwhelmed by the response that my franchise has received and I am honored to have been recognized with the President's Club Award. Jamik Luxury Bath's outstanding staff, products and service are keys to my success and high level of customer satisfaction. I look forward to another successful year," Brumm said.

Luxury Bath Systems is most widely known for its affordable, one-day installation of custom-formed acrylic tubs and wall-surrounds that fit over existing tub and tile. The company was recently chosen by Microban, the global leader in antimicrobial protection products, as the exclusive supplier of Microban's Luxsan multi-layered acrylic products for the tubliner and wall industry.

With this addition, Luxury Bath customers in North America will benefit from Microban's continuous antimicrobial cleaning action that protects the surface of tubliners and walls from bacteria, mold and mildew that can cause stains and odors. Available in a variety of colors, Luxsan acrylic bath surfaces can be installed in the same efficient manner as Luxury Bath System's existing line of tubliners and wall surrounds, allowing for successfully remodeled bathrooms in just one day.

About Luxury Bath Systems

Luxury Bath Systems is based in Glendale Heights, Illinois, and has more than 200 franchises and dealers throughout the United States. For more information, visit www.luxurybath.com or call Jamik Luxury Bath, Inc. at 708-636-6868.

ance, such as in "balance-counter balance." The best way to find out which time your energy is negative or positive is to keep track of how you feel. Do you feel drained (negative) at your birthday time or do you feel really good (positive)? Most people are created with the ability to become balanced SMEP. But when this

does not happen for them, they may show symptoms of anxiety, stress, poor health, bad attitudes and actions, or they may even withdraw into an angry world of their own where no one seems to be able to enter into it or to help them. Pass this info on to others.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Spa treatments for tired baths

Simple Solutions To Make Your Bath Look New

Two current yet widely different trends - working from home and "cocooning" - are causing homeowners to take a closer look at their bathrooms.

The idea of "home-as-office" has changed everything," according to Janice Costa, editor of Kitchen & Bath Design News. When you're bringing work, and clients, into your home, the most personal room in the house must often serve public needs as well. "Your house is not only your private haven - it has to make a statement to professionals in your field."

The other trend affecting the way homeowners regard their baths has more to do with leisure than work: People are spending more quality time at home.

"The bathroom has become a relaxation spot," says Kate Sollecito, director of marketing services for Red Devil, a manufacturer of home improvement products and decorating accessories often used in baths. "Many new and remodeled homes now include, lavish 'suite bathrooms' that look like professional spas."

But homeowners need not go to extremes to breathe new life into a tired bath. Sollecito and Costa both recommend starting with simple decorating tips that can turn any bathroom into a comfortable, fashionable retreat.

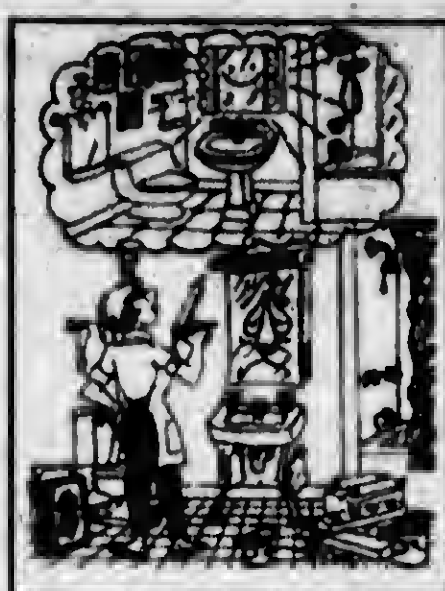
Start Small

Whether you're updating your wardrobe or revitalizing a bath, the same cardinal rule applies - accessorize. "Adding just a few new items can make a world of difference," says Sollecito. Fortunately, manufacturers today offer an ever-expanding array of matching bathroom accessories, from towel bars to shower curtains to scales.

For a personal touch, Sollecito suggests hanging colorful artwork or mirrored panels, which can be easily adhered to walls with adhesive caulk. Aromatherapy candles, plants and luxurious towel warmers are other options for creating a home-spa environment.

Upgrade Fixtures

New faucets and handles



can give an old sink or tub a quick, easy facelift. Today, chrome is out and natural finishes are in, says Costa. "People don't want the shiny look. Oil-rubbed bronze, satins and brushed finishes are big."

Sollecito also recommends refurbishing, rather than replacing, existing fixtures as an easy, cost-effective way to renew a tired bath. "Simply by recaulking shower doors, sinks and tubs, you can make a bathroom look fresh and bright again," she says.

For a truly custom look, the caulk used to form a waterproof seal around these fixtures can be color-matched to the fixture or to the material it is installed against.

The Create-A-Color Caulk Coloring System from Red Devil allows users to blend any color latex paint into the caulk to match or contrast with the decor.

"Using a color-matched caulk just makes everything look that much better," Sollecito says.

For more home decorating and repair tips, homeowners can log on to www.reddevil.com.



Home decor tips

Dress Up Your Home With Blinds

Window treatments are an easy and often overlooked way to update a home's decor. For instance, wood blinds can add a beautiful touch of warmth to almost every room. Versatile and natural, they go with almost any style or color.

Following are some tips

to choose the best custom blinds for your home from the experts at Levolor, a leading manufacturer of blinds and shades.

Try cellular shades that come in a variety of colors and cell sizes to match your decor. Add a fabric valance on top to complete your look. Cellular shades are available in cordless.

Choose three-inch wood blinds for a polished, unique look in rooms. The wider slats allow in more light, but can close tightly for total privacy.

Vertical blinds create a focal point and add height - an excellent way to visually reduce a particularly large or wide room.

Bring the outside in. Woven wood shades made with a variety of reeds and bamboo can give an exotic appearance to any room.

Faux wood blinds work great in bathrooms and kitchens. They resist warping in high moisture areas.

No time to wait for custom blinds? Try Levolor's new Custom Size Now Cordless Faux Wood blinds. Raising the blinds is as simple as a push of a button and gently lifting the bottombar. By eliminating cords, these blinds offer a safer option for children and pets and can be sized immediately for your windows in select Lowe's stores.

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Color your home beautiful

There is no better way to rejuvenate a home than by adding a splash of color. And when it comes to today's home interiors, color is back in the spotlight. Designers have been working overtime to introduce vibrant hues into everything from kitchen sinks to furniture, and the options are endless.

Whether you are repainting an entire room or just adding a few bold accessories, the easiest, least-expensive way to liven up your surroundings is with color, according to Kate Sollecito, director of marketing services for Red Devil, a manufacturer of home improve-

ment and decorating accessories. "There is a tremendous variety of decorating options available today, so it's a great time to experiment with a new look."

Choose Colors Wisely

The key to using color is to avoid overdoing it, Sollecito advises. "You want a room to be eye-catching, not an eyesore. Most experts recommend limiting yourself to three colors - a dominant shade for walls and floors, a secondary hue for furniture, fixtures and accessories, and an accent color used in moderation to invigorate the room with a dash of contrast."

Selecting the right palette is critical, particularly when it comes to walls. Warm hues ranging from rust-red to gold can make a large room seem cozier. But these colors can also make a small room appear even smaller. Conversely, cool colors like blue and green "open up" a room and create a feeling of spaciousness. Greens are also said to inspire creativity, and dark colors supposedly aid concentration.

Go With the Flow

Once you've tackled the hues that set the overall tone of a room, pay close attention to other design elements to ensure a cohesive look. Sollecito suggests repeating secondary colors in accessories like curtains, area rugs, slipcovers and throw pillows.

"Don't overlook the little details that can make or break a decorating scheme. For example, if you install new bath fixtures, seal around them with a caulk that color-matches both the fixtures and the adjacent flooring, walls or countertop. The same holds true for wallpaper, paint and tile. For a cus-

tom finishing touch, always use a caulk that blends with the colors in your home."

The new Create-A-Color Caulk Coloring System from Red Devil lets anyone mix their own latex paint colors into caulk to match wallpaper, wall paints, bath fixtures and countertops.

For more do-it-yourself decorating and remodeling tips, and for information on the new Create-A-Color Caulk System, homeowners can log on to www.reddevil.com.



Metal helps ceilings shine

Things are looking up when it comes to decorated ceilings. For example, those elegant old tin ceilings with their elaborate designs are making a comeback, but in aluminum and copper.

These can be seen in homes old and new, stores, houses of worship and offices. For instance, one specialty ceiling company recently created the ceiling for a wine cellar in a new house. A pattern of grapes, vines and leaves provided a consistent theme. The company also came through when fire damaged an historic Baptist Church in Round Hill, Virginia. M-Boss Inc. replicated the original ceiling tiles and

then supplied 3,500 square feet of new ceiling. In a historic building being converted to a Coffee House and Art Gallery, the company made exact replicas of the original patterns and then produced enough ceiling tiles to repair the damaged areas.

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In addition to over 100 standard patterns-ranging from traditional to contemporary with images from floral and fleur de lis to dolphins and dragonflies-his company does custom work. Artists re-create and originate designs. Panels are available in 11 standard finishes.

The panels, however, are not being confined to ceilings. One home owner used them over the brick in his fireplace surround. Tiles have also been found on walls and as door insets, wainscoting and wall art.

Metal ceilings, Perk said, give a room a finished look that plain white ceilings do not. "There's been so much focus on walls and even floors," he said. "And ceilings like these complete the decor."

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An effective way to liven up your home decor could be right underfoot-and a lot less expensive than you might have imagined.

Oriental and Persian rugs have long been a favorite of designers, who use them to

add an exotic touch to a room. And unlike wall-to-wall carpet, rugs can be changed around. These tips can help you be sure you get what you pay for:

Ask for a certificate of authenticity for the purchase. This should include pertinent details about the rug, including size, style, origin, age and estimated retail value.

Buy from a reputable rug importer and retailer.

To be authentic, an Oriental rug: Must be hand-woven. The loops of the rug's pile will be clearly visible on the back; Must have fringe that is a part of the rug's foundation and not sewn on. Must be all natural materials, such as wool, cotton and silk.

The great thing about Oriental rugs is that they look natural in any room of the home.

More information and a free guide to buying fine Persian and Oriental rugs is available at www.rugman.com.

Thanks to the Internet, Persian and Oriental rugs are available to match virtually

any style, decor, room size or budget.

It's Easier Than Ever To Hang Wallpaper

Wallpaper can add style and elegance to any room in your home. It's easier than you think if you follow a few tips from the pros, and use tools designed to make the job easier.

The key to a quality wallpaper job-surface preparation. It's an essential first-step to a successful project. Before you hang your wallpaper, especially on new dry-wall, porous paint, or spackled areas-or, if you're hanging it over a colored or patterned surface-prime with a pre-wallcovering primer like Shieldz Universal Pre-Wallcovering Primer. It makes wallpaper easier to position, improves adhesion, and makes it easier to remove when redecorating.

Prepare wallpaper for hanging. Carefully measure the wall and, using scissors

designed for wallpaper, like ComfortGrip Shears, cut wallpaper to length adding 2" to the bottom and top for trimming away when hanging. If you're hanging pre-pasted wallpaper, on painted walls or on vinyl, there's a new product called Prepz One Step Wallpaper Prep and Adhesive that prepares the paper for hanging and eliminates the need for sizing, adhesive and messy water trays.

Apply Prepz to the back of the wallpaper with a roller designed to easily fit in corners and to coat the edges of wallpaper neatly, such as WalWorks Adhesive & Stripper Roller. Fold the wallpaper back to itself (paste side to paste side) and "book" wallpaper as per the manufacturer's directions.

You're ready to hang. Align the wallpaper to your plumb line, letting it overlap on the ceiling by a few inches. Smooth it out using a plastic smoothing tool, like the WalWiz 3 In 1 Wallpaper Tool. Trim the overhanging paper at the top and bottom and you're ready to install the next piece.

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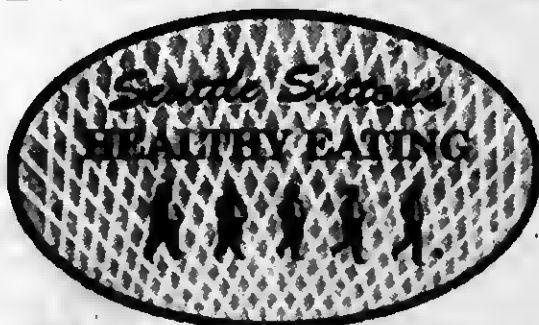
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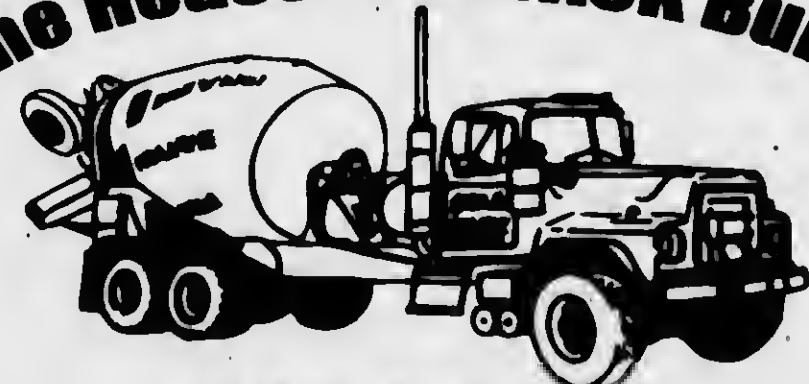
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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THE GOOD LIFE-IT'S ALL IN HOW YOU LOOK AT IT



For years they exchanged common pleasantries as they passed each other by. The frazzled looking mother of eight sat on her front porch keeping a watchful eye on the youngest of her growing brood.

The career woman was usually pressed for time, rushing by on her way to catch a train that would take her to her 9 to 5 in the business world. The two women barely shared more than a smile and a quick hello, but each had specific thoughts on each other's world.

The childless career woman felt a little sorry for her neighbor. What a handful for a mother to have more children than there is time to take care of them, thought the world wise woman. No time for anything but cooking, cleaning, and raising a family - with nothing to show for it but paychecks that never stretch far enough, tuition bills that have no end in sight, and a distressed house decorated in greasy, handprints smudged on the walls, and washers and dryers whose cycles run 24/7.

Where is the joy in several hungry mouths to feed, while trying to keep up with several different personalities in need?

To Ms. Professional, this mom was a living example of the old woman who lived in a shoe, which made her all the more thankful she had her self-imposed life of luxury — with freedom to spend her time any way she wanted - with no dependents to tie her down. Her neat and tidy home stayed just that, neat and tidy. Dinners in front of the T.V or at her favorite restaurant were just what her pampered lifestyle offered. Her phone calls never had to be cut short because a hormonal teen-ager suddenly had to make a crisis call to her girlfriend who lived right across the street.

She'd wave a quick hello to the ever expectant mother and knew she had chosen the perfect life.

Now, Mrs. Mom had her own thoughts. She'd watch as Miss 9 to 5 hurried on her way and she, too, felt a pang of pity. How lonely it must be, she thought, to have no ties to the heartstrings of little ones. How deafening the silence must be without the noise of little voices to keep the music of life flowing along. With no babies to snuggle close to your heart, with no children to cuddle and save from monsters under the bed, with no chocolate kisses from toddlers who squeeze your neck tight and proudly proclaim: "I love you THIS much!", while stretching out two stubby little arms—with no teen-agers to bring you

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A Thank You Letter

To Whom This Does Concern,

Hi, My name is John M. Bell and the expressed purpose of my letter is to thank the Oak Lawn High School Board of Education, Administrative Staff and especially the students for sponsoring their annual Senior Citizen Dance held Friday, 3-12-04.

The entire event from beginning to end was most delightful. the setting, decor, decorations, the food provided.

The music played by Mr. Randy Dreznes of the Beverly Records company was unbelievable. He is truly one of if not the very best in the business. Randy and his pleasing personality, along with his vast knowledge of Ballroom, Latin and Swing Music enhanced the event superbly. We also heard Randy belt out a song or two and believe he is a strong candidate for the "American Singing Idol" television show. "Move over Justin" Randy is on his way!"

The students were most accomodating, their willingness to assist any of us in need was truly wonderful. Some of us were without a dance partner and although

the students may have wanted to "Jump, Jive, and Whale", however they were most cordial and danced with many of us. The students, in addition to being perfect hosts, were most talented.

They are a definite credit to their familys, the Oak Lawn Community High school, the entire Oak Lawn Community, their peers and ultimately themselves.

On behalf of all in attendance we would like to thank each and everyone of them, Dr. Catherine Fronczak, the school Principal and Mr. Micharl Riordan, the Assistant Principal.

We are eagerly looking forward to next years Senior Citizen Dance.

We would immensely appreciate seeing this letter in one of your future publications.

On behalf of all of us Senior Citizens, we thank you.

Most Cordially,
John & Maria Bell,
Ballroom Dance Instructors

Palos Hts Chamber hosts Expo

A great day of business networking on Saturday April 3 will be presented during the Palos Heights Chamber of Commerce Community Expo with Health Fair and pancake breakfast.

The event will be at the Chicago Christian High School, 12001 Oak Park Avenue, Palos Heights. It begins at 9am and continues to 1pm. The event is free. Call Expo chairman, Del Truss at 708-349-1111.

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to the brink of insanity, only to renew your faith in family as you help them overcome an obstacle and they say, "Thanks Mom I'm glad I listened."

A mother looks back on these many milestones and wonders how life could ever be fulfilling without them.

Mother Hen watches as the diva of downtown employment is out of sight. She hopes that one day the solitary lady will find more than business suits, a quiet house, and a round trip train ticket to fill the void of an empty life.

Years passed by, the mother's children grew up and the working woman retired. The two bumped into each other one day, by chance. They began a conversation that would end up surprising both of them.

The woman, who long ago chose a career over children, admitted to the, now, gray haired grandma that she always took pity on her, what with all those kids to care for, it sure had to be a chaotic life.

The grandmother of 22 gave the woman a sly smile and with a twinkle in her eye replied, "Why, what a strange coincidence, for it was I who always felt sorry for you.

The moral of this story?

The path to greener pastures can often be found in your own backyard, when you live your life on your own terms and treasure the blissful benefits of your heart's desires.

Change in tax laws will mean that many receive a refund

Industry experts say that eight million more taxpayers will receive refunds this tax season and that the average refund for those filing by April 15th will be 29 percent higher.

The main reason is the new tax law signed in May 2003, which reduced income tax rates retroactive to January. However, the tables used by employers to withhold taxes from paychecks were not changed until July. If you failed to adjust your withholding, then you overpaid taxes for the first half of the year; hence, the refund.

Workers who may have taken advantage of deferred income or an acceleration in deductions at the end of the year, may find their strategy backfires if the alternative minimum tax, or AMT, kicks in. Instead of paying regular income tax, you may have to pay the AMT which is higher. While the AMT was designed years ago to trap the rich who avoided taxes through numerous deductions, its impact is being felt more and more by middle-income families.

Other tax laws which have changed:

Retirement accounts. This year, younger workers can contribute up to \$12,000 in a 401(k), while those 50 and older can put away up to \$14,000. The minimum contribution for IRAs this year is \$3,000 for young workers and \$3,500 for those 50 and older. IRA contributions for 2003 can be made up to April 15th, the tax deadline.

IRA conversions. Consider a Roth IRA, since earnings can be withdrawn tax-free in retirement. To qualify, your annual income must be lower than \$100,000.

Income and short-term gains. The highest marginal rate is now 35 percent and is retroactive to January 1, 2003.

Capital gains. If losses exceeded the gains, you can deduct up to \$3,000 against ordinary income. The law also reduced the rate for long-term capital gains – investments held longer than a year – from 20 percent to 15 percent for those in higher tax brackets. The rate dropped to 5 percent for those in the 10 and 15 percent brackets.

Tax break for teachers (available for 2003 only). Teachers from elementary through high school can deduct up to \$250 spent this year on books and supplies, and they don't have to itemize to get the deduction.

If you don't itemize deductions, you may be eligible to have the IRS figure your taxes for you. It is essential to provide all pertinent information but not necessary to visit an IRS office in person. Call your local IRS field office to see if you are eligible to receive this assistance.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Note: This information

was prepared as a public service by the Illinois State Bar Association and is a joint project with the Illinois Press Association. Its purpose is to inform citizens of their legal rights and obligations. Consult your lawyer if you have questions about the application of the law in a particular case.

Time for Taxes

By: Rudi Hancock

The thing that every American dreads most every year is just around the corner, that's right tax time. Tax time means running around with shoeboxes of receipts trying to figure out how much you owe the government. One way to eliminate the hassle of figuring out what numbers go on which lines on those confusing tax forms is to pay someone to do it for you. There are a lot of alternatives out there to solve the shoebox epidemic.

There are programs where volunteers assist families. The volunteers are highly skilled to offer free, confidential tax preparation services and financial counseling. The free tax preparation and financial advice is available to low-income working families. To qualify for assistance families must have an annual income of 35,000 or less, bring their W-2 forms and other proof of income, and bring last year's tax return, if possible. To gain more information on the tax assistance program call the hotline at (312) 409-1555 or its offices at (312) 466-0771. The Office of Citizens'

Services is offering tax services by volunteer tax counselors, phone (708) 422-8776 for an appointment.

The IRS prefers for people to do their taxes on-line. The Free File program lets taxpayers file their taxes on-line for free. The benefit to filing taxes online is that it is easy- not like fumbling with a million sheets of paper. It is fast and secure. A major plus is that refunds are returned in half the time of a paper return. The instructions are clear and calculations are guaranteed. To access this service simply go to www.irs.gov.

Last but not least for you tried and true do-it-yourselfers a couple of things that will help out this year is to obtain the right forms and read them carefully. Get out the shoebox to look for all possible deductions. Include the amount that was paid on last year's income taxes and other deductible taxes. Remember if alimony was paid it is deducted or if it was acquired it is income. If you, your spouse, dependent are in college you can deduct higher education expenses by not itemizing. Up to \$3,000 for expenses for courses taken during 2003 can be deducted as an adjustment to income. Student activity fees, required books, supplies and equipment directly paid to the institution are deductible. Taxpayers with student loan interest can deduct up to \$2,500 of their student loan interest as an adjustment when paid and not limited to the first 60 months.

It's time for that mad dash to tax agencies or tax assistance programs. Or it is about time to dust off the shoebox. Whatever the case may be tax time is before us. There

are a lot of places out there that will help assist during this taxing time so don't feel overwhelmed just yet. During this grueling time just think about the wonder of "returns."



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William Rybak is named to Private Bancorp, Inc Board of Directors

The addition of William Rybak to Private Bancorp, Inc Board of Directors expands the board to 16. Rybak, has 30 years experience in auditing and finance. He began his career at (formerly) Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. in 1973. A certified public accountant, Rybak, received his BA in accounting from Lewis University and his MBA from the University of Chicago. Rybak is a resident of Palos Park, IL.

Bankruptcy no longer means no mortgage

by Kenneth Schreiber
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In the past, traditional mortgage lenders have automatically rejected people who have declared personal bankruptcy. Many potential home-buyers felt they must wait at least seven to 10 years after a bankruptcy to be eligible to become homeowners. This is a common misconception.

Though a bankruptcy is certainly a blemish on a credit report, it does not necessarily disqualify a borrower. Recognizing that sometimes bad things happen to good people, some select loan officers are becoming more willing to take a calculated risk.

Many lenders use a scoring system to determine whether potential buyers are a worthwhile risk. Unfortunately, bankruptcy gives an automatic low score. However, select lenders are beginning to look beyond the scores and look at the individuals in need.

Those who have declares Chapter 7 bankruptcy liquidation may be eligible for a loan one year after discharge, and those who have declared Chapter 13 may be eligible for a loan even while still reorganizing.

Another common misconception is that a previous bankruptcy on your credit report will require you to have a large down payment and pay extremely high rates and points. There are currently programs available with as little as 3 percent down with very attractive rates and points.

Some lenders are even prequalifying buyers for a loan, saving time and making the home-buying experience easier and more efficient. When a buyer prequalifies, they will have the advantage of greater negotiating power.

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New Oak Lawn Senior Commissioner

Long time resident of Oak Lawn was recently appointed as a new Senior Commissioner by the village of Oak Lawn Officials. Ginger Morgan is the appointee who has lived in Oak Lawn with her husband Don for over thirty-three years. They have two daughters, Donna and Mary who live out of town and they are both nurses.

Ginger has been in the work force for many years and is currently working for Bob Kuenster. Ginger is so outgoing that she raises her hand for many volunteer positions. In fact, she is the historian for the Italian American Women's Club of Chicagoland, past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Ambassador of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and recently joined the Oak Lawn Chapter of the Red Hat Society.

I am sure most everyone who had met Ginger Morgan certainly can say she is a credit to the Oak Lawn community and the community of St. Gerald Parish.



Cutline: Grilled beef top round steak tossed with whole-grain barley, fresh vegetables and a citrusy vinaigrette make a delicious main dish salad.

BEEF & BARLEY SPRING SALAD

Total preparation and cooking time: 30 minutes
Marinating time: 6 hours or overnight

- 1 pound beef top round steak, cut 3/4 inch thick
- 1 cup uncooked quick-cooking barley
- 1/4 pound baby green beans
- 1 cup diced yellow bell pepper
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced baby spring onions
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- Lemon wedges, (optional)

Marinade:

- 1 cup prepared reduced-fat balsamic vinaigrette
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated orange peel
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel

1. Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steak and 1/2 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steak to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or overnight, turning occasionally. Cover and reserve remaining marinade in refrigerator to use for salad dressing.
2. Cook barley according to package directions. Set aside. Cook green beans in boiling water for 3 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain. Run cold water over beans to stop cooking; drain.

3. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 8 to 9 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning occasionally. Do not overcook. Carve steak into thin slices.
4. Toss barley, steak slices, green beans, bell pepper and onions in large bowl. Arrange on plates. Drizzle with reserved marinade; sprinkle with chives. Garnish with lemon wedges, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tips: To broil, place steak on rack in broiler pan so surface of beef is 2 to 3 inches from heat. Broil 12 to 13 minutes for medium rare doneness, turning once.

One pound well-trimmed beef top sirloin steak, cut 3/4 inch thick, may be substituted for beef top round steak. To grill, place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 13 to 16 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Nutrition information per serving: 398 calories; 31 g protein; 44 g carbohydrate; 11 g fat; 703 mg sodium; 61 mg cholesterol; 8.2 mg niacin; 0.7 mg vitamin B₆; 1.5 mcg vitamin B₁₂; 4.8 mg iron; 6.0 mg zinc.

Christ Wellness and Education Center offers free L.I.F.E. lectures

On Tuesday, April 20, from 7 to 8 p.m., Mary Antos, a registered nurse at Advocate Christ Medical Center, will present a lecture on "Eating Disorders." Participants will learn about eating disorders, current treatments and therapies.

Code: 1C30

The program is a series of free L.I.F.E. (Lifestyle Improvements through Fitness and Education) lectures directed at reducing the risks of heart disease, the nation's number one killer. Presented by a team of professionals specializing in cardiology, nutrition, exercise physiology, health psychology and preventative medicine, the L.I.F.E. program offers participants the opportunity to improve the length and quality of their lives by learning about their risk factors and ways to reduce them. Participants are invited to meet with an exercise physiologist to develop a personalized "exercise prescription."

For more information, call Advocate Christ Medical Center's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622) and refer to code number listed.



Cutline: Lean beef and fresh spring produce team up for a tasty French Vineyard Soup that's good for you and easy to prepare.

FRENCH VINEYARD SOUP

Total preparation and cooking time: 15 minutes

- 1 recipe French Vineyard Beef (recipe follows)
- 2 cans (13-3/4 to 14-1/2 ounces each) ready-to-serve beef broth
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 1-1/2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- 1-3/4 cups chopped seeded tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley (optional)

1. Combine vegetable mixture from French Vineyard Beef, broth, wine and vinegar in large stock pot or Dutch oven;
2. Bring to a boil.
3. Reduce heat; simmer 2 to 4 minutes or until vegetables are heated through.
4. Stir in tomatoes.
5. Remove from heat; keep warm.
6. Fan steak slices from French Vineyard Beef in four soup bowls.
7. Ladle soup over steak; sprinkle with parsley, if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 347 calories; 33 g protein; 24 g carbohydrate; 13 g fat; 1367 mg sodium; 50 mg cholesterol; 10.0 mg niacin; 0.9 mg vitamin B₆; 1.5 mcg vitamin B₁₂; 3.8 mg iron; 5.6 mg zinc.

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On Track Singles hold socials

Saturday, April 3rd will be dinner and bowling at 6:30 P.M. We will leave St. Mary's South Parking lot by 6:30 P.M., then we'll head to The Patio at 7900 West 159th Street. You can join us there by 7:30. Then we'll head over to Orland Bowl at 8601 W. 159th Street in Orland Park.

Bowling will start by 9:30 P.M. It's \$4 for Cosmic bowl and \$2.50 for shoe rental. For more info call Luey Steven at 773-778-8239 after 7 P.M. or call Steve Doyle at 708-268-9482 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

On Monday, April 5th, there will be a general meeting at Duggan Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Join us at St. Mary's Duggan Hall to socialize and register for events. Afterwards, about 8 P.M., we'll head to Palermo's Pizza on 63rd and Hamlin for a fine Italian dining experience. For details or to register, call John Bobek at 773-585-8242 or e-mail me at Rustyjb@prodigy.net.

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. A committee is gathering names of graduates from all classmates that have attended St., Martin or St. Anne from State through Halsted. The committee has been organized so that many different graduating classes will be represented.

If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.

Chicago home to pair of nesting bald eagles

Bird experts said that of pair of nesting bald eagles is on the little Calumet River for the first time in a century. State officials and birders are trying to keep the location secret to not spook them into leaving town. The last reported eagle nesting in the Chicago area was the Indiana Dunes in 1897.

John Rogner, director of Fish & Wildlife's Chicago office indicated they are contacting the landowner to limit access to the area. It is reported the eggs are not laid yet. It is critical the birds not be disturbed as F/W/C do not want them to abandon the nest. Both birds leave the nest unattended when they have no eggs. The size of the nest indicates they are pretty serious.

The bald eagle was adopted as the United States symbol in 1782. They live 30 or more years in the wild. Eagles mate for life and the nests may reach 10 feet across and weigh 2,000 lbs.

It is an awesome sight to see the bald eagle in the wild. The pleasure was mine in Yellowstone and in Canada. To see them fly and soar is not describable.

Egg Hunt, Bake Sale, Breakfast for all ages

Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland will hold their annual Lenten Breakfast, Bake Sale, and Easter Egg Hunt, on Saturday, April 3rd from 9 to 11 am.

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at 10 am to help with the kids games and egg hunt.

For more information, call the church at 708 / 599-4025

Community Events Calendar

Chicago Police and Firemen will hold the Annual Hockey Event at the United Center, Chicago on Saturday March 27, 2004 at am. Donation is \$5.00 at the door. All proceeds go to the policemen and firemen's Widows Fund.

The Alan B. Shepard High School Band Boosters are sponsoring a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 3rd in the gym at 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Whitney's Bar & Grille located in the Hilton Oak Lawn will once again present our very popular "Fahionable Lunch" series. The latest fashions will be presented by Bellissimo of Oak Lawn on Wednesday, March 31, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 9, and June 23 from 12 pm to 1:30. Reservations are suggest 708 / 229-8888.

The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero will also host their 17th Annual Spring Craft Show on Sunday, April 4th, from 9 pm to 4 pm. Admission is \$2, children under 12 are free. For more information, call 630-513-7622.

The Mt. Carmel HS Alumni Assn. is sponsoring a NCAA Basketball Final Four Party in the Mt. Carmel gym, 6410 S. Dante, Chicago, on Saturday, April 3rd, for the school's building fund. The cost will be \$35 and will include games, food, beverages, door prizes and a gift. The game will be shown on an 11 ft by 14 ft video screen, there will be raffles. Doors open at 4 pm. First game starts at 5 pm. For information and tickets, call Frank at 773 / 324-2834.

Chicagoland Dog Rescure will hold its 2nd annual bow-Wow bowl-a-Thon at 10 am Sunday, April 4 at Bowling and Beyond, 1232 W. Irving Park Road., Streamwood. Proceeds will benefit the homeless dogs in the rescure's care. Bowlers are required to get sponsors. For more information or to make a donation, call Pat at 630-479-3713

On April 3rd, a national activist form dedicated to farm animal rescue and protection will meet in Chicago. There will be speakers, workshops and training, starting on Friday, April 2nd. For more information, please contact Farm Sanctuary at 607-583-2225 or visit www.farmsanctuary.org and click on the Farm button on the home page.

Spring Trout season opens April 3rd. The stocking program in Illinois is made possible through the sale of inland trout stamps to participating anglers, for \$6.50 each. For information call the IDNR Division of Fisheries at 217-782-6424.

St. Rita Mother's Club will hold their Crazy Bingo Club Meeting on April 5th at 7:30 pm. Bring a \$5 wrapped gift. Elections will be held. Refreshments will be served

The Annual Fashion Show for St. Rita's Mother's Club will be held Thursday, April 1st at the Rosewood West Restaurant, 131st and Cicero in Crestwood. Tickets are \$40 each. Call Anne Russell 773-925-6600 to reserve your tickets.

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxilliary will host its 34th Annual Refections 2004 dinner and fashion show April 1st at Georgios Banquets in Orland Park. The theme is "The Orient Express". There will be raffle drawings. Grand raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Tickets are \$45 per person. The event starts at 5 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. For reservations, call 708-229-5447.

On Friday, April 2nd, the Kiwi Club of Chicago will host "A Night with the Starts", their 45th annual Cocktail Party and Silent Auction, from 7 to 10 pm at the Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. There will be a variety of memorabilia of movie starts, sports starts, music and vacations. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. For more information or for reservations, contact Park Lawn at 708-425-6867.

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites young fans of Max, from Rosemary Well's "Max and Ruby" books to come to the library to meet him at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 3rd. Bring a camera. Call the library to register 708-422-8522.

Active Senior Expo, will be held on Wednesday, April 7 at Georgio Banquets, 8800 W. 159th Street in Orland Park. Show hours are 9 am to 2 pm. No registration is required and regular admission to the event is \$2. Free admission coupons will be widely available and attendees can obtain a free admission coupon by visiting www.activeseniorexpo.net. Parking is free. For more information, Call Silver Star Expositions at 630-620-6347.

Franklin Framing & Art Gallery, 13019 S. Western, blue Island will host an exhibition of art by students from Brother Rice High School, Saturday, April 3rd, from 7 to 10 pm. Admission and parking are free. The public is invited. For more information, call the gallery at 708-389-0000.

The annual Passion play, "The Night before the Passion" will be presented by Ashburn Baptist Church, 83rd Street and Lawndale on Sunday, April 4th at 6 pm. There is no admission charge and ample paring is available. English and Spanish are welcome. Call the church office at 773-284-4681 for more information.

Burbank Park District, 8050 S. Newcastle, will hold their Breakfast with the Bunny and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd, starting at 10 am. Registration is required by calling 708-599-2070. There is a charge for the breakfast of \$4 for adults, and \$8 for children. (includes games, prizes, and a special gift from the bunny)



Bring your Appetite!

Hometown Boy Scout Troop #682 will have a Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 4th, from 9:30 am - 2 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Parish Hall, 8925 S. Kostner Ave., Hometown. The donation is \$300 per person. There will be kids' games, raffles and fun for all.

Boys to speak at Aglow

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, April 8, at the Oak Lawn Holiday Inn, 4140 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The featured couple for April will be Reverend Charlie Boyd and his wife Barbara. They will delight and inspire you through music and Bible teachings. As members of Christian Fellowship church, they are accustomed to ministering in song, music, and word, both to others and to their four children. Rev. Boyd has a dynamic way of bringing home his message, and Barb, his wife of 22 years, complements him with her good sense of humor, and down to earth sincerity.

Charlie has a background that includes 13 years of teaching Sunday School, 19 years of being a Deacon, he sings, plays various musical instruments, and has held the title of Minister of Music. He was ordained 9 years ago.

Barb has worked with Children's Ministry at CFC and is the past president and director of the Junior choir at Paradise Church, having been involved there for 17 years.

Please join us, invite your mate, and bring your friends for an evening that promises to be spiritually uplifting and an inspiration to all as they share their message, "We are One".

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30PM at the door and is served promptly at 7:00PM.

For reservations and/or additional information call June (708) 424-1656.



Marist Varsity cheerleaders go to competition

For the second year in a row, the Marist High School Varsity Cheerleading Team earned the opportunity to participate at the State Competition. Last weekend the Varsity Cheerleaders took 7th place out of 40 teams at the Illinois State Competition.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence, Marist High School in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.



Gold Key Winners



Silver Key Winners



Honorable Mention

Richards students win 21 awards at Scholastic Art competition

Students from Richards High School in Oak Lawn won 21 awards at the Scholastic Art Awards the weekend of January 24. The Scholastic Art Awards is the oldest and most prestigious competition for student-artists in the United States.

Students who won awards will have their works displayed in an exhibit at the Elmhurst Art Museum from February 1 to 13.

Students who receive Gold Keys now have their artwork advanced to the national Scholastic Art Awards in New York City in April. Richards students developed their artwork in classes taught by Claudia Craemer, Marie Curtis, and Linda Gross-O'Neill.

Gold Keys were judged as the finest artwork in the exhibit, followed by artwork awarded Silver Keys, and, finally, those receiving Honorable Mention recognition. Richards students won awards in the drawing, painting, ceramic, and mixed media categories.

Richards students, all of whom live in Oak Lawn or Chicago Ridge, who won awards include: Gold Key: Kevin Caliendo and Krupa Patel (both for ceramics). Silver Key: Catherine Blinstrup, Kevin Caliendo, Gildardo Delatorre, Christine Janiszewski, Ryan Le, Jim Papadopoulos (2) and Maggie Wright. Honorable mention: Jeanette Bukowiecki, Stacey Bumber, Patrice Connelly, Kate Enright, Christine Janiszewski, Ryan Le, Mike Monahan (2), Rushdi Naser, Jim Papadopoulos, and Willie Swafford.

OLCHS theater: state champions

By David Vognar

It had been ten long years since the volleyball team won its 1994 state trophy; ten years without a team title to claim for the students at Oak Lawn Community High School. Although the school had recently reared a panoply of individual champions in state Forensics tournaments and most recently in Skills USA competitions, there was a marked drought of state team titles.

But that all changed Saturday, March 27, as the OLCHS group interpretation competitive theater troupe was crowned state champion. Also, Oak Lawn's drama, or contest play, won the state runner-up title.

It all happened down south—six hours from the South Side to be exact. On March 26-27, OLCHS cast and crew members competed at the Drama and Group Interpretation State Finals, held at Southeastern Illinois College in the southern reaches of Harrisburg, and the results could not have been more impressive.

OLCHS won second place in the drama category with its play "Absolutely! (Perhaps)," and took the state by storm with its first-place performance of the group interpretation of Robert Cormier's "Protestants Cry, Too." Both squads qualified for state after first place showings at the qualification Sectionals tour-

namment on Saturday, March 21 at Joliet Central High School.

The group interpretation was led by All-State cast members Ed Suda, Michael Norris, Brian Weems, Josh Lopez, and Julie Hincks. Allison Stanko, Elise Bauman, Becky Puhr, Sean Goldrick, and Dorie Koll all crafted the story of a young man named Michael, wanting to marry a Protestant despite the wishes of his tough-love Catholic father.

During the day Friday, the team competed with eighteen other productions in the preliminary rounds. After the five judges rankings were strung together, the competitors were pared down to six. Those shows then competed in a final round on Saturday morning. OLCHS received an overwhelming 1-1-1-1-2 ranking from the five final round judges. Meanwhile, the contest play of Luigi Pirandello's philosophical romp competed during the day Friday. Its cast was comprised of Andrew Coate, Megan Hincks, Caitlin Goldrick, Wayne Miller, Adrienne Thurzo, Brian Fay, Patrick Cooper, Christina Reyes, Mike Norris, Allison Stanko and Sean Goldrick; Justin Lopez, Guin Grana, Nicole Cassidy and this author won All-State honors for the play.

"Absolutely! (Perhaps)" is a play about a town in turmoil after a new member of town commits a gauche offense against the one of the

town's social elitists. Set in an Italian backdrop, Pirandello's early 20th-century play deals with the relativity of truth while still having fun at the expense of gossipers and high culture.

The 2004 State series of competitive theater marks only the second year that students at Oak Lawn Community High School put together teams to compete in Illinois' long-running and prestigious drama competitions.

High schools have been competing in state drama competitions since 1941 and in group interpretation since 1974. Whereas drama productions, 40 minutes in length, are typically condensed versions of plays, group interpretations are 30 minutes long and are more indicative of a presentational style of theater. Actors in group interpretation use focal points and interact mostly by "playing out" to the audience in creative ways.

Last year, Oak Lawn's first year competing, the group interpretation took fourth place and the contest play took 6th. Going into this year, the team had high expectations for improvement, and they came through. Both plays can be seen for paid public performances at Oak Lawn Community High School's Little Theater on April 1, 2 and 3. Tickets can be purchased through cast members. For information on tickets, call the school at 424-5200.



Pictured are Quigley's 8th annual Math and Science competition medal winners. Local winner is Tom March (Back row/3rd from left) representing St. Gerald School in Oak Lawn.

Quigley hosts competition

In February, Quigley HS invited over 200 6th and 7th grade students from all over the Chicagoland area, to participate in a competition in Math and Science. The tests were prepared by the math and science honor role students from Quigley.



RoosterJayErin—Jay Franke and Erin Derstine. Photo by Todd Rosenberg.

Gotta Dance! With Hubbard Street

Early spring brought forth not only buds and the like but the feeling to dance is to live. Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) is on target for those of us ballet and rock and roll fans from the era of Elvis, Beach Boys, Rolling Stones, it was a great comfort zone.

HSDC created a fantasy image of its history in the varied programs during the three-week spring session.

The choreography was a challenge. The spring program highlighted "Rooster" by Christopher Bruce set to Rolling Stone's classics. From the opening strut by Christopher Tierney on stage in the black jacket/red shirt garb, we knew this was great fun in the Jagger style. Charlene Katsuyoshi was breathtaking, as the chick passed among the boys. Her ruby red attire was superb.

As the Hubbard Dance 25th Anniversary season continues, HSDC moved to the Harris Theater for Dance and Music in the new Millennium Park. The Theater is exquisite from street level down to the orchestra level. One needs to bring legs and knees for walking up and down. (Elevators are available).

HSDC began the Dance of the Decades program with Zap Mama; a Belgium based music, called "Diphong". Its rhythmic tones come from African's click dialects, South American's moods to Gregorian chant. My feet wanted to dance.

One highlight for me was the middle number "Cor Perdut" (Lost Heart) by a contemporary European Nacho Duato. It was ravishing sensual dancing by Cheryl Mann and Tobin DelCuore. It had a seductive North African score by singer Maria Del Mar Bonet. It was full of interest, urgency and completely took ones breath away. The two dancers were one. Mann had a flowing terra-cotta dress and DelCuore pantaloons and they were terrific together.

Porchlight Music Theater caps season with Amadeus

The final year's production of Porchlight Music Theater is Amadeus. Set in splendor of 18th century Vienna, the play shows the jealousy of Antonio Salieri towards Mozart. In some historic circles, it is noted he poisoned him.

Porchlight Music Theater cast was excellent in acting, singing and the instrumental rolls for Amadeus. Excellent

as Salieri's portrayal is Bill Ingraham (Artistic Associate). Making his debut as Mozart is Brendon DeMay and playing Constanze is Brook Sherrod.

Ensemble players are excellent.

Amadeus runs through May 9 at the Theater Building, 1225 W. Belmont. The box office is 773-327-5252.



Orland Park troupe "Wishes" for cast members

Recreation & Parks Department. Production Open to Age Twelve & Older

The award-winning Village of Orland Park Theater Troupe will soon hold auditions for its May production of "Wishes." Written by Craig Sodaro, "Wishes" tells the tale of high school student Mary Jo Swanson and her younger brother and sister. The siblings are granted three wishes by a genie trapped in a bottle stolen from an art museum. The trio soon realizes that they have to be careful with what they wish for, because it just might come true.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema serves as executive producer for all of the village's shows while Orland Park Theatre Troupe Resident Director Frann Carnivale-Sidlow is producer/director for each production. Ashley Herbold, of Orland Park, has been named assistant director for this Orland Park Theatre Troupe production.

Auditions are open to those age twelve and older. Readings will be from the script. They will be held at the Orland Park Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue on Sunday, April 4, 2004 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Monday, April 5, 2004 from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Rehearsals will be held from April 8 to May 20. They will be held on Sundays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Performance dates will be May 21, 22 and 23.

Those cast must pay a registration fee of \$30 for Village of Orland Park residents, \$45 for non-residents. Or, cast members may secure an equivalent amount of advertising for the show's program.

For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

Amusements & Theater by Marijo Doody



Stephen Colella, James Harms, and Cristen Page in Lucky Stiff

Lucky Stiff plays at Drury Lane

For two months Lucky Stiff will play at Oakbrook's Drury Lane. It is a musical comedy of the mediocre variety. It's based upon the novel The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo. It was not as up to par as previous productions. Perhaps because it is not known as much.

While the audience was laughing at the slapstick antics of the character Harry, a shoe salesman who has to take the uncle on the journey to Monte Carlo to obtain the inheritance, we were left wondering about the uncle and other characters.

Musically it was pleasant. Cristen Paige does good vocals. She will go places. The ten persons cast of characters were fine renders of comedy. The staging was a little below Director Ray Frewen's level. The nephew Stephen Colella's Harry does not have much charm. Anabel Glick (Cristen) fairs better as the Universal Dog Home of Brooklyn representative who stands to inherit money if there is a screw-up.

Ticket are \$22-\$26 show only. Dinner packages are available. Box office is 630-530-0111. Major credit cards are accepted.

Theater in the Area

Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation presents Fiddle on the Roof at the Beverly Arts Center March 26-28. Tickets are going fast. Call 773-445-3838.

The Mt. Carmel Caravan Alley players present Guys and Dolls on March 27 & 28 and April 2 and 3, 2004. Call 773-324-1020 x 246 for tickets. Local students are in the production.

Palos Village Players present Out of Order, a farce on March 26 and 27 at the Recreation Center. Call 708-479-3262 for tickets.

Orland Park Players present Annie Get Your Gun at the Orland Junior High School on March 26 and 27th. They report the choreography is special. Tickets are available at the Orland Park's Loeb Recreation Center.

Tinley Park Theater Guild's Troupe presents the comedy It Runs in the Family for two weekends March 26-28 and April 2-4. Call

708-342-4200 for tickets. Performances are at the Audion Theater, located in Tinley Park High School. Local residents are in the production.

Brother Rice High school presents The Teahouse of the August Moon on March 31, April 1 and 2 at the high school. Call 773-429-4300 for tickets.



Stefani Hensley, 13

Skaters Perform

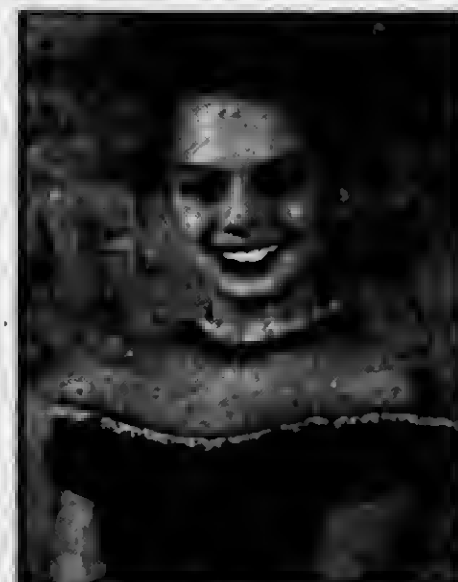
Two Oak Lawn skaters perform in international competitions. Chicago resident, Kali Scrcinella, age 14, performed in the Figure Skating Competition in Belgium. Skaters represented 17 coun-

tries. Kali placed 3rd in the long program and 6th in the short program. She was 4th overall out of the group of 16 skaters. Well Done!

As she was arriving home, Oak Lawn skater, Stefani Hensley, age 13, will skate in Finland in April at the Crystal Ice of Espoo International Competition. The competition is for girls under 20. Stefani is skating in the novice level. Good Luck!

Both girls have skated exclusively at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena since they were tots under the guidance of instructors Kerry Vanick-Vihnanek, Kristen Vanick-Jamison and David Jamison.

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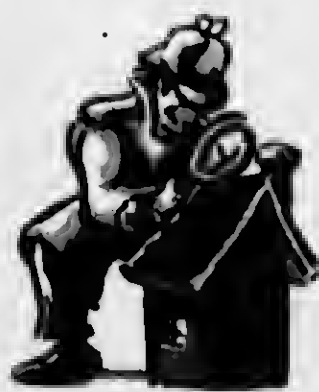
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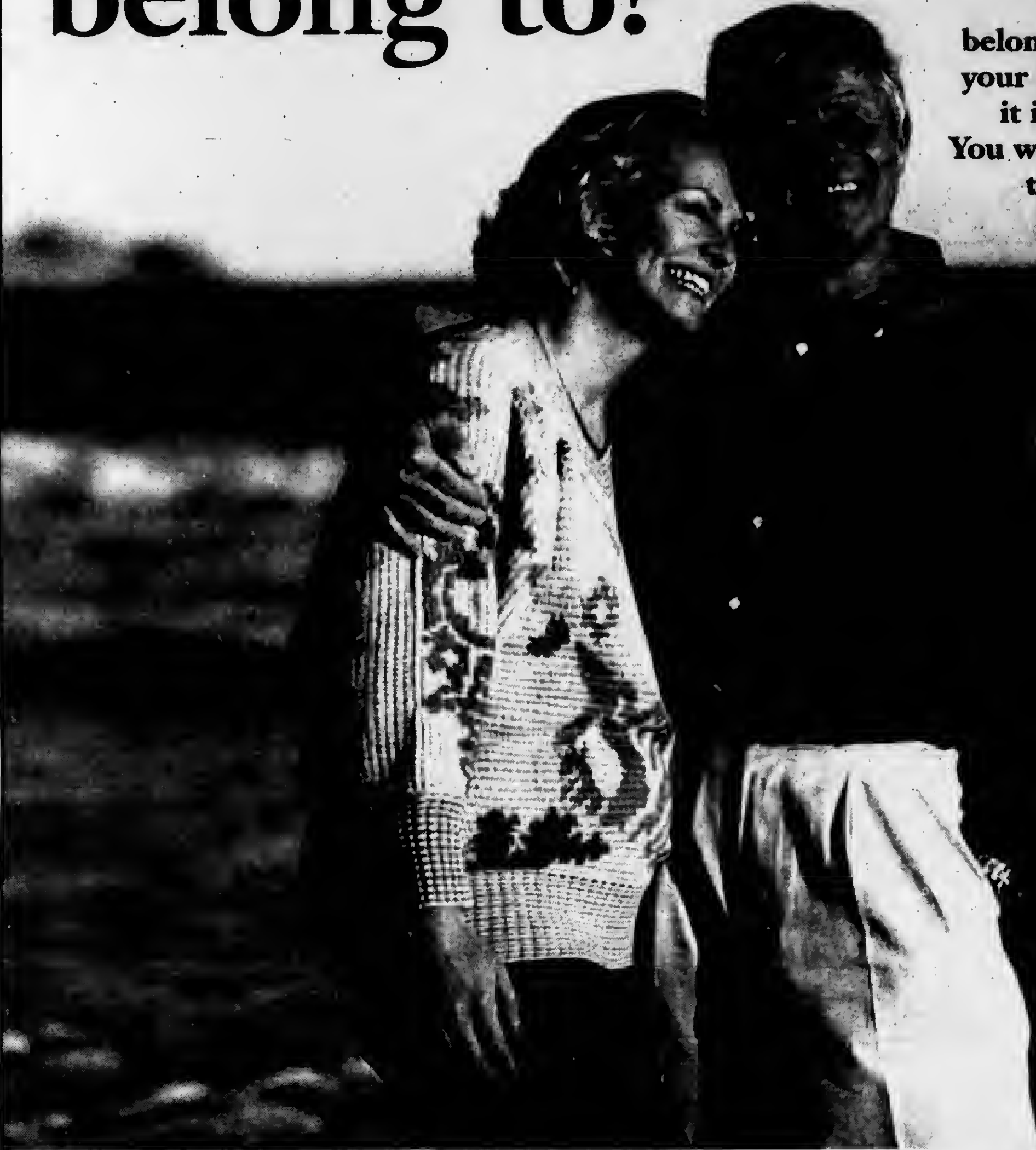
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Pictured with Mayor McLaughlin are (from left) Bridget McLaughlin (Mayor McLaughlin's daughter), Jennie Richert, Queen Jennifer Callahan, Maggie Richert, Mary Kate Downs, Katie Richert and Megan Hickey

Orland Park Mayor honors St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen's Court and the Richert sisters

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin honored the 2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen's Court and the Richert sisters, Orland Park residents and members of the Lavin-Cassidy Irish Dancers at the March 15, 2004 Board of Trustees meeting. Two members of the Queen's Court, Bridget McLaughlin and Mary Kate Downs, are from Orland Park.

Village of Orland to host second annual Disability Expo

The Village of Orland Park Community Relations Commission, in cooperation with the Mayor's Office of Special Services will host its second annual Disability EXPO on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Expo will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

The Disability Expo will feature services and products from vendors and agencies

serving the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities.

For more information, call Sharon Grill at 460-5468, Kim Kuster at 460-6573 or the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

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director of membership and credentialing for the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM®), has been promoted to the position of vice president of membership.



Oak Forest Academically Talented sophomore, Matt Miller plays the role of Tim Robbins a presenter at "Murder At The Oscars", an interactive play that recently took place at Tinley Park High School as part of the District's ATP program.

Oak Forest ATP Students participate in "Murder at the Oscars"

Oak Forest, Illinois, March 24, 2004: Thirty members of the Oak Forest High School Academically Talented group participated in an interactive "murder mystery" at Tinley Park High School with other ATP students from Hillcrest and Tinley Park High Schools.

Students from Oak Forest were dressed in formal attire and played the parts of suspects and detectives. The students were given several clues, and through interviews with suspects and witnesses they had to determine who "murdered" the fictional movie actress "Starr" while she was celebrating her Oscar winning performance at the Academy Awards.

The production was put on by Celebration Services and proved to be an exercise in communication, problem solving and teamwork. The school's Assistant Principal, Dr. Savka Mladenovich, leads the ATP students at Oak Forest High School.

She will oversee several key functions within the Institute including membership admissions, member dues, member benefits and services, chapter services, ethics and govern-

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Disbrow earned an undergraduate degree in business administration from Northern Illinois University. She and her husband reside in Tinley Park, IL.

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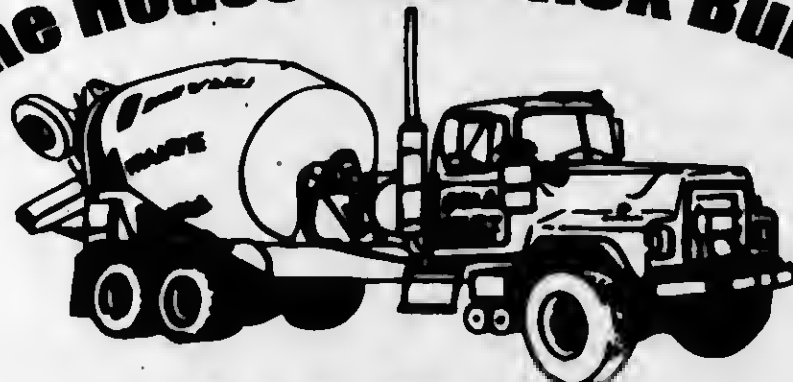
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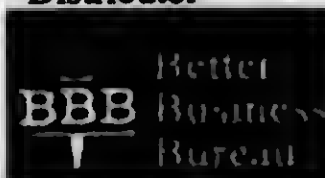
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By Carlene O'Connor

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The Gaidas Family Charity is the Orphans of Lithuania and they are very actively involved.

Dave is a soft spoken caring gentleman who goes out of his way for others. He is involved with helping those in need, and will make preparations with him easy and something to finally put aside.

Palos Hills receives Tree City USA Growth Award

Palos Hills has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the sixteenth year Palos Hills has received this national recognition.

Palos Hills is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program in the following activity areas: Education and Public Relations, Literature distribution, Local awards program, Tree Planting and Maintenance, Tree preservation.

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"This year's record number of Tree City USA communities shows a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forests," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "It shows the people of Palos Hills value trees for the beauty, grace, comfort and practical bless-

ings they bring."

"The trees in Palos Hills help clean the air, conserve soil and water, and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperatures," he added. "Tree City USA honors the countless men, women and children in Palos Hills who are working hard to ensure a greener, healthier tomorrow for us all."



Pictured: Joseph Kamberos, Demetra Zougras and Mrs. Asemena Stathopoulos, Principal

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Dare poster winners awarded

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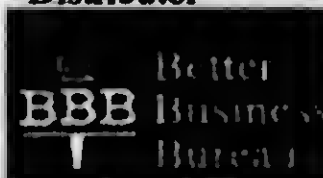
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Pictured, left to right, are members of the Richards varsity Scholastic Bowl team (standing): Matthew Buckley, Noelle Brenza, Pawel Bednat, Hilary Sifling, Michael Betsanes, Dominick DeBartolo, Steve Michalkow, and coach Mike Cleary and (sitting) Kristen Weibel, Sarah McDermott, Haneen Abu-Ajamieh, and Julie Scheibel. Not pictured are Scholastic Bowl players Patrice Connelly, Kristy McDougall, Joe Nowinski and Mark Ruthenberg. All students are residents of Oak Lawn or Chicago Ridge.

Richards varsity, frosh-soph Scholastic Bowl teams conclude successful seasons

The varsity and freshman-sophomore Scholastic Bowl teams from Richards High School recently completed another set of successful seasons.

Led by coach and social studies teacher Paul Fach, the freshman-sophomore team won the SICA North title by completing a perfect 5-0 record at the conference meet.

The varsity team placed second in SICA North with a 4-1 record. Physics teacher Mike Cleary coaches the varsity team. Varsity then placed third (out of 30 schools) at the All-SICA tournament. In the Illinois High School Association tournament, the Bulldogs beat Riverside-Brookfield and Reavis before losing to Lyons Township in the regional final.

Varsity Scholastic Bowl players Steve Michalkow and Dominick DeBartolo

were selected to the IHSA All-Sectional Team. Michalkow also was selected as a SICA All-Star, which places him among the top 10 scorers this year from the 30 SICA schools.

After a 1-5 showing at the season's first tournament, the varsity team bounced back with a 10-4 run. Leading the resurgence were captain Dominick DeBartolo and high scorer Steve Michalkow, as well as Mike Betsanes, Noelle Brenza, Joe Nowinski, Julie Scheibel, Hilary Sifling, and Kristen Weibel.

In addition to defeating Stagg, Oak Lawn, Argo, Reavis, and Bolingbrook at the SICA North tournament, the freshman-sophomore team beat Stagg, Andrew, Thornton, Rich South, Kankakee, Bremen, and Lincoln Way East during the regular season.

Scholastic Bowl is an aca-

Hickory Hills plans ceremony for hometown hero

by Matt Mayer

Mayor Michael Howley announced at the March 25th City Council meeting that city officials are planning a ceremony on May 27th to honor Col. James Hickey and other local servicemen and women as well as their families. Col. Hickey is also scheduled to serve as the grand marshal in Chicago's Memorial Day Parade. In December, Col. Hickey coordinated the movements of a 600-member strong force, which captured Saddam

Hussein. Hickey told the Associated Press that American forces began in July to assemble the evidence and intelligence that led to Saddam's capture in a "spider hole", which was dug into a farmyard near his hometown.

Hickey also said Special Forces soldiers were seconds from pitching a hand grenade into Saddam's tiny underground refuge when the fugitive dictator's hands appeared above ground in surrender.

Howley said Hickey is still overseas but is expected to return for the ceremony. Hickey grew up in Hickory Hills, attended St. Patricia's Grammar School and went on to St. Lawrence High School.

Officials are working on the specifics of the ceremony. The festivities are likely to begin in the early evening at the park west of city hall, he said. The ceremony will likely commence with a traditional military

salute. The procession will include a cavalcade to the Palos Memorial Post American Legion and the City's Youth Advisory Board and will conclude at the Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W. 87th Place, where a reception is planned, Howley said.

Residents seeking health information may visit the Cook County Public Health web site at www.cookcountypublichealth.org. Mayor Howley reported that the National Arbor Day Foundation named Hickory Hills as a 2003 Tree City and Growth Award recipient.



Trustee Jerry Hurckes, Mr & Mrs Herpich and acting President Ron Stancik.

Winners congratulated

Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes congratulates winners. Trustee Jerry Hurckes congratulates winners in this year's decorating contest for residents in the 1st District Oak Lawn that he represents. Winners were presented plaques and certificates at the Village Board meeting in January.

Winners in this year's programs are the Pulver Family, at 9612 S. Natoma, the Surmas at 9100 S. Ridgeland, the Moore's 7001 W. 87th St., the Herpich family at 6248 W. 94th St. and the Moss's at 5736 W. 87th Pl.

Notice:

In response to a flyer being circulated by the Johnson- Phelps VFW Post No. 5220 in Oak Lawn, stating that reports have been printed in several newspapers including the Village View, that the Post has been sold to Mid-America for the planned development, the Village View has not printed any such information, only the boundaries which encompass this development.



Check out your
NumAstrology
prediction with
Jacki Mari on p. 6



Pictured, left to right, are members of the Richards frosh/soph Scholastic Bowl team (standing): Dom Bartkus (Oak Lawn), Al Connelly (Oak Lawn), Matt Gacek (Oak Lawn), Ryan McMillin (Oak Lawn), Sarah Brett (Oak Lawn), Mackenzie Mesco (Oak Lawn), and Fida Abusneineh (Oak Lawn) and (sitting) Ben Leslie (Oak Lawn), Stacey March (Oak Lawn), Nora Miller (Oak Lawn), and Basmah Khalil (Chicago Ridge). Not pictured are Ben Kordas, John Martinovich, and Feras Abdelrahman.

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News about our local service personnel

Army Pfc. Keith M. Wood has arrived at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., to complete the ammunition specialist advanced individual training course.

The soldier will learn to assist in receipt, storage, is-

sue, maintenance, modification, destruction, and demilitarization of conventional ammunition, munitions and explosive components according to technical and safety directives; perform ammunition supply stock control and accounting du-

ties using automated and manual procedures, and operate material handling equipment to maneuver ammunition.

Wood is the son of Karen M. and Phillip M. Wood of S. Spaulding Ave., Evergreen Park.

He is a 2001 graduate of St. Lawrence High School, Burbank.

Army Sgt. Chris M. Mayo has returned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, after completing a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with additional participation in Operation Northern Delay.

During Operation Northern Delay at Bashir Airfield, the brigade paratroopers of established the northernmost coalition offensive boundary and created a stable logistical intersecting point to allow the introduction of equipment and troops into the theater.

The operation was the largest airborne assault since World War II and forced Iraqi army to maintain approximately six divisions in the area to protect their northern flank, providing strategic relief for the Coalition Forces advancing on Baghdad.

The multiple operations missions of the brigade paratroopers included seizing the city of Kirkuk, the northern oil fields and several military airfields, thousands of enemy weapons and explosives, millions of dinars worth of terrorist funds, and defeated organized military resistance and arrested hundreds of terrorist and former regime loyalists.

Mayo is a team leader with four years of military service. He is the son of Margret A. Bressanelli of W. 164th Place, Tinley Park. His wife, Megan, is the daughter of Ray and Nancy Greiner of West 77 St., Crown Point, Ind.

The sergeant is a 1994 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School, Tinley Park.

Army Spec. Christopher D. Mazurek has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The student was trained to receive, inspect, segregate, store, inventory, issue, deliver and turn-in organizational and installation sup-

plies and equipment; maintain automated supply systems for accountability with use of unit computers; issue and receipt of small arms, and secure and control weapons and ammunition supplies.

Mazurek is the son of Kathleen M. and Stan E. Mazurek of S. Homan, Evergreen Park. He is a 1995 graduate of Evergreen Park High School, and a 2001 graduate of Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.

Proud dad reports on Naval son

Jeffrey A. Heine graduated from nine weeks of naval boot camp at Great Lakes Naval training Center on March 12th, 2004.

He was immediately shipped out to Charleston, N.C. where he will begin schooling within the Naval Nuclear Training Program.

The first section of study, will be focused on the mechanical aspects of ships. This will last three months; followed by nuclear power school about July 2004.

Jeff is also an applicant for a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. scholarship. Should he be selected, he would be discharged after mechanical school and probably attend the University of Illinois atampaign, Ill. His goal would be to pursue a flying career as an officer in the Navy.

Heine was in the delayed entry program. (DEP) He was recruited at 17 years old while a high school senior, in April, 2003, after scoring high on naval test. From the time of recruitment, Jeff graduated high school at Oak Forest, worked at Discount Tire in Crestwood, and attended classes at South Suburban Community College for one full time semester.

Askia Abdulla, Press Secretary and Public Relations liason for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Morning Circle Seniors, Thursday, April 15 at 10:30 am in the Pigrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn. He will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Annual tax sale begins May 10 for 2002 delinquent taxes

The Cook County Annual Tax Sale, at which delinquent property taxes from tax year 2002 go to auction, will be held from May 10 through June 7, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today.

Delinquent taxes on some 54,000 parcels of property will be offered to tax buyers, and property owners will have two years to redeem the taxes with interest and penalties or face the possible loss of their property.

"I urge anyone who owes back taxes from tax year 2002, which were collected in 2003, to pay before the taxes go to the Tax Sale," Pappas said. "If a property owner whose unpaid taxes are purchased fails to redeem in two years, the tax buyer can ask a court for title to the property."

Registration for the Tax Sale begins April 5 in the Treasurer's Legal Office, Room 222 of the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago. Qualified tax buyers — individuals, companies or charitable organizations — must pay a minimum collateral of \$1,000 at least 10 days prior to the first day of their participation in the Sale.

Lists of the Property Index Numbers of the properties on which taxes are owed for tax year 2002 will be available for inspection in the Treasurer's Legal Office, and can be purchased in paper form or on disk for \$250 for the Delinquent General Tax List, and \$100 each for the Delinquent Special Assessment List and the Weekly Update on Generals List.

The Sale, mandated by Illinois state law, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each business day from Monday, May 10, through Friday, June 7, in Room B of the Lower Level of the Cook County Administration Building, 69 W. Washington St., Chicago. To maintain the daily schedule, the Sale may continue past 4 p.m.

In the Tax Sale, PINs from Cook County's 38 townships are offered on a scheduled basis:

May 10 - Barrington, Berwyn and Bloom townships.

May 11 - Bloom and Bremen.

May 12 - Bremen, Calumet, Cicero, Elk Grove and Evanston.

May 13 - Hanover, Lemont, Leyden, Lyons, Maine, New Trier and Niles.

May 14 - Northfield, Norwood Park, Oak Park, Orland, Palatine, Palos and Proviso.

May 17 - Rich, River Forest, Riverside, Schaumburg, Stickney and Thornton.

May 18 and 19 - Thornton.

May 20 - Wheeling, Worth, Hyde Park.

May 21 and 24 - Hyde Park.

May 25 - Jefferson, Lake.

May 26 to June 1 - Lake.

June 2 - Lake View, North Chicago, Rogers Park, South Chicago.

June 3 - South Chicago, West Chicago.

June 4 and 7 - West Chicago.



President Terrence J. O'Brien (right) and General Superintendent John C. Farnan (left) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, are shown thanking Chief Engineer Joseph Zurad for his many years of service to the MWRD, and wishing him well in his retirement.

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French Tourism Travel welcomes Americans to the 60th anniversary of D-Day

To honor those who risked their lives in the heroic D-Day landings of World War II, Rail Europe is offering a free France Railpass this summer to veterans of the Battle of Normandy.

For family, friends and others visiting Normandy and all of France during this summer's celebration of the 60th anniversary of D-Day, Rail Europe is also offering a special 3 day France Railpasses for \$199, valid for travel between June 1 through August 31. Available starting April 15, both the free veterans' railpass and 3 day special railpass are for residents of the U.S. and Canada only and must be obtained prior to departure for Europe; they are not available in Europe.

To obtain their free railpass, veterans need to log onto www.normandie-memoire.com where they register for a 60th anniversary commemorative badge. They will then receive an email providing information on how to request their free France Railpass.

The special 3 day France Railpass for other North American visitors provides 3 days of unlimited 1st class rail travel within France during a one-month period anytime between June 1 and August. It may be book between

April 15 and August 15.

The 3 day France Railpass may be booked with a travel agent or online at www.raileurope.com or by calling 1-888-382-7245.

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Air France's newly designed user-friendly site, www.airfrance.com/us, makes it even easier to book travel on Air France online, just 5 easy clicks without a profile. Check with your travel guide for commemorative packages.

This year's FranceGuide magazine also conveys the country's heartfelt gratitude to American WWII veterans and a warm welcome to their fellow citizens. The 60th Anniversary of D-Day provides the perfect forum for French people to express their gratitude for America's gift of freedom and commitment to this long-standing friendship.

For information about travel to France visit www.franceguide.com/us.

For information about the film "Operation Open Arms" or to preview a copy, please contact Maison de la France at 212-745-0967. The film information is available for veteran organizations and press only.



Topinka in St. Patrick's Day Parade Photo by Teresa J. Potasiak

Topinka marches in St. Patrick's Day Parade

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka participated in the recent St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Chicago as she has every year. More than 50 floats, 2,000 Irish step dancers, including dancers from the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance, bands, clowns, Clydesdale horses, a 35-foot-tall leprechaun balloon as marching. The parade kicked off with the traditional dyeing of the Chicago River



Pappas' office celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas celebrates St. Patrick's Day at her office in the County Building. Joining Pappas are (left-right) Harry Scibert, McHenry area coordinator for the Irish Children's Fund and John Walsh, North Terrace coordinator. Also pictured are Walsh's grandchildren, Mikayla Gallogeos and Liam Walsh. The Irish Children's Fund is in its 23rd year sponsoring children from Northern Ireland. TOPS, Treasurer's Outreach Program and Services, sponsored the St. Patrick's Day reception.

So. Sub. Mayors & Managers Assoc. to meet

The next business meeting of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2004 at the Association offices, 1906 W. 174th Street, East Hazel Crest, Ill. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

OL Chamber presents annual employee and volunteer appreciation day luncheon "Hoe Down at the Hilton"

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host their fifth annual Employee and Volunteer Appreciation Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 21 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. All area businesses are invited to participate in this opportunity to thank their dedicated staff and helpers.

The luncheon theme is "Hoe Down at the Hilton," featuring entertainment by Garth Brooks impersonator T.C. Todd, a delicious Chicken Parma entree, door prizes and a long stem rose for all who attend. Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$22 per person. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 14. For more information, reservation forms or to find out how your business can donate prizes for the event, call 708-424-8300.

UBAM holds meeting

The United Business Association of Midway will meet Wednesday, April 7 at 8:15 am at the Koffee Kettle, 5900 W. 63rd Street. A continental breakfast will be served. Guest speakers are Gary Cercio and Debbie Miller, United States Postal Service Unit Specialists. Bring specific questions relating to your own company needs.

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Home Instead Senior Care visits The Timbers of Shorewood

Home Instead Senior Care is coming to The Timbers at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. This lecture will be in the Grand Ballroom at The Timbers of Shorewood, 1100 N. River Road.

Home Instead is the world's largest and most trusted provider of comprehensive, non-medical companionship and non-medical

home care services for the elderly. All are welcome to come learn about Home Instead's services, specialized Alzheimer's Care, and office locations.

The Timbers of Shorewood is a rental retirement community which provides independent and assisted living apartments and a full schedule of activities

and services. Residents, whose needs may change, are able to stay in the same place and receive appropriate care. This event is free and

open to the public, space permitting, and reservations are requested. For more information, call Bridget Osswald at (815) 609-0669.

Free blood pressure screenings at OL Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate Christ Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Medical Center, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.

Testimony at public hearing on St. Francis Hospital-Orland supports need for a new hospital

Physicians, residents, elected officials and hospital administrators and employees testified at the public hearing about the need for a local hospital to serve the more than 200,000 people in the communities of Frankfort, Mokena, Orland Hills, Orland Park and Tinley Park, where there is no local hospital.

The hospital nearest to the site of St. Francis Hospital-Orland is more than seven miles away with the next closest hospital more than 12 miles away. Travel times to outlying hospitals are 15, 20, 25 or more minutes.

St. Francis Hospital-Orland is planned as a state-of-the-art, 130-bed community hospital to be constructed at 171st Street and LaGrange Road in Orland Park. It will be built on 66 acres of land St. Francis purchased in 1991 and generate 500 jobs for the area. It is expected to open in 2007.

The Orland facility is being proposed as a relocation of an unused portion of St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island's bed capacity. The Blue Island hospital proposes to transfer 102 medical/surgical beds and 12 obstetric beds when the new hospital becomes operational. This will enable Blue Island to convert semi-private rooms to private rooms. 16 intensive care beds are proposed for the new hospital.

More than 4,000 patients per year are expected to be referred to the new hospital when it is built.

St. Francis Hospital-Blue Island has served the southwest suburbs for 100 years and has long planned for a hospital in Orland Township.

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St. Francis Hospital-Orland web site keeps consumers up-to-date on hospital plans

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center announced a consumer Web site to provide information and updates on plans for St. Francis Hospital-Orland, a state-of-the-art, 130-bed community hospital to be constructed at 171st Street and LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Community residents can visit www.stfrancisorland.com to keep up to date on developments with the new hospital. The St. Francis Hospital-Orland Web site will offer frequent updates on plans and important meeting dates. It also will offer links for community members to voice their support for St. Francis.

Local sites screen public for alcohol problems

If you can't pass this alcohol quiz, check out the answers on National Alcohol Screening Day

Do you think you know all the facts about alcohol's effect on health and safety? Are you sure you understand the health benefits of moderate drinking? Try giving yourself this true or false quiz:

- * Alcohol can interfere with your metabolism and bone structure, increasing the risk of diseases like osteoporosis. (True/false?)
- * Drinking during your first trimester of pregnancy will not harm your unborn child. (True/false?)
- * Moderate drinking can decrease the risk of heart disease for some people. (True/false?)
- * Alcohol can impair your reproductive functions. (True/false?)
- * Drinking coffee and eating food while drinking alcohol will keep you from getting drunk. (True/false?)
- * It is always safe to drive if you wait an hour after drinking. (True/false?)

If you stumbled while trying to answer any of these questions (the answers are True, False, True, True, False and False), you can learn more on Thursday, April 8 at a free National Alcohol Screening Day site in your area. To find a local screening site, call 1-877-311-NASD (6273) or visit www.NationalAlcoholScreeningDay.org.

"National Alcohol Screening Day serves to educate all Americans who drink, regardless of amount, that alcohol has risks and benefits beyond what most of us know and that while a drink is standardized, the drinker is not. Each of us needs to learn the facts about alcohol and evaluate where we personally should draw the line," says Sharon Pigeon, MSW, LICSW and NASD Program Manager.

Attendees will complete a brief written screening assessing their alcohol use and have the opportunity to talk privately with a health professional to discuss their results and ask questions.

National Alcohol Screening Day, held in April as part of Alcohol Awareness Month, is a program of the nonprofit Screening for Mental Health in collaboration with the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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Free Blood Pressure Screenings and "Ask the Pharmacist"

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings Wednesday, April 14 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. At this month's screening event, participants may bring in current prescriptions for a one-on-one consultation at an "Ask the Pharmacist" forum.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, 708-422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).

Safe ways for Illinois residents to reduce prescription drug costs

As Congress and a number of cities and states debate importing medicines from Canada, Illinois residents may mistakenly believe that purchasing medicines there is the only way to better afford their needed drugs.

While importation advocates claim vast savings are possible, studies have suggested savings to governments of as little as 1 percent of their total drug costs. The reasons are obvious. Large government and corporate purchasers already see substantial savings on their purchases. Consumers with insurance are benefiting from those savings.

The real problem is for consumers who lack good insurance for prescription medicines. However, consumers should consider several facts before embarking on such a risky course.

First, they may be able to find savings that are near or even greater than those available from Canada by taking advantage of one of the patient assistance and company-sponsored discount card programs and even shopping around at different pharmacies. The online database at helpingpatients.org provides patients access to information about more than 1,400 medicines offered free through patient assistance programs sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry and others.

Second, the discount cards offered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as part of the new Medicare drug benefit will offer substantial savings on the retail price of pharmaceuticals.

Finally, the evidence that these illegal drugs carry real risks is compelling. Many illegal imports are cheap knock-offs from Third World countries that are shipped into Canada and then transshipped into the United States. The possibility of millions of Americans ending up with the wrong prescription drugs or harmful, potentially lethal substitutes — has prompted the Health and Human Services Administration to oppose importation of drugs because of the increased risks to patients.

Greater availability of insurance and more awareness of discount and assistance programs are the best ways to ensure that Americans are getting the medicines they need. Illegal importation isn't the answer.

Alan F. Holmer, President and CEO Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

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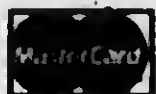
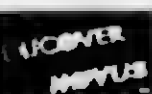
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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for April 6th: I use NumAstrology [Numerology w/Astrology, & my Psychic Insight]! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi")...go to TheDailyPsychic.Com Also visit JackiMari.Com & Sherlockjacki.com [on the BKT Case]

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Sometimes the things that look bad on the surface contain much good within. This message comes clear soon. J/G or A can help. *Numi says:* Some of you have a Genie in your week ahead. Know what to ask for.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: When people point the finger at you it hurts. But when they point you out as being great it can make your day. S involved.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Someone could walk into your life and offer you everything you need. You would wonder "why." Karma! M can help.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This week satisfies your "wild side" so to speak. You might find yourself doing new things you really want to do. Good! *Numi says:* You surely need a break from dull, routine ways of doing things. Live life happier.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Travel. You may find yourself dealing with relatives in a more loving way. Go forward. Let go of yesterday's angers.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: If you are seeking new work you'll find it. You surely need change in your life. Boredom out, excitement in! J helps, ask.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Hope is something we all need. It is found when you change your "intentions." Think about this. Believe in yourself. L aids. *Numi says:* If you can imagine it, you can achieve it...change your "intentions."

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: This can be a week of pleasant surprises from getting more money to achieving good health. Florida to think about.

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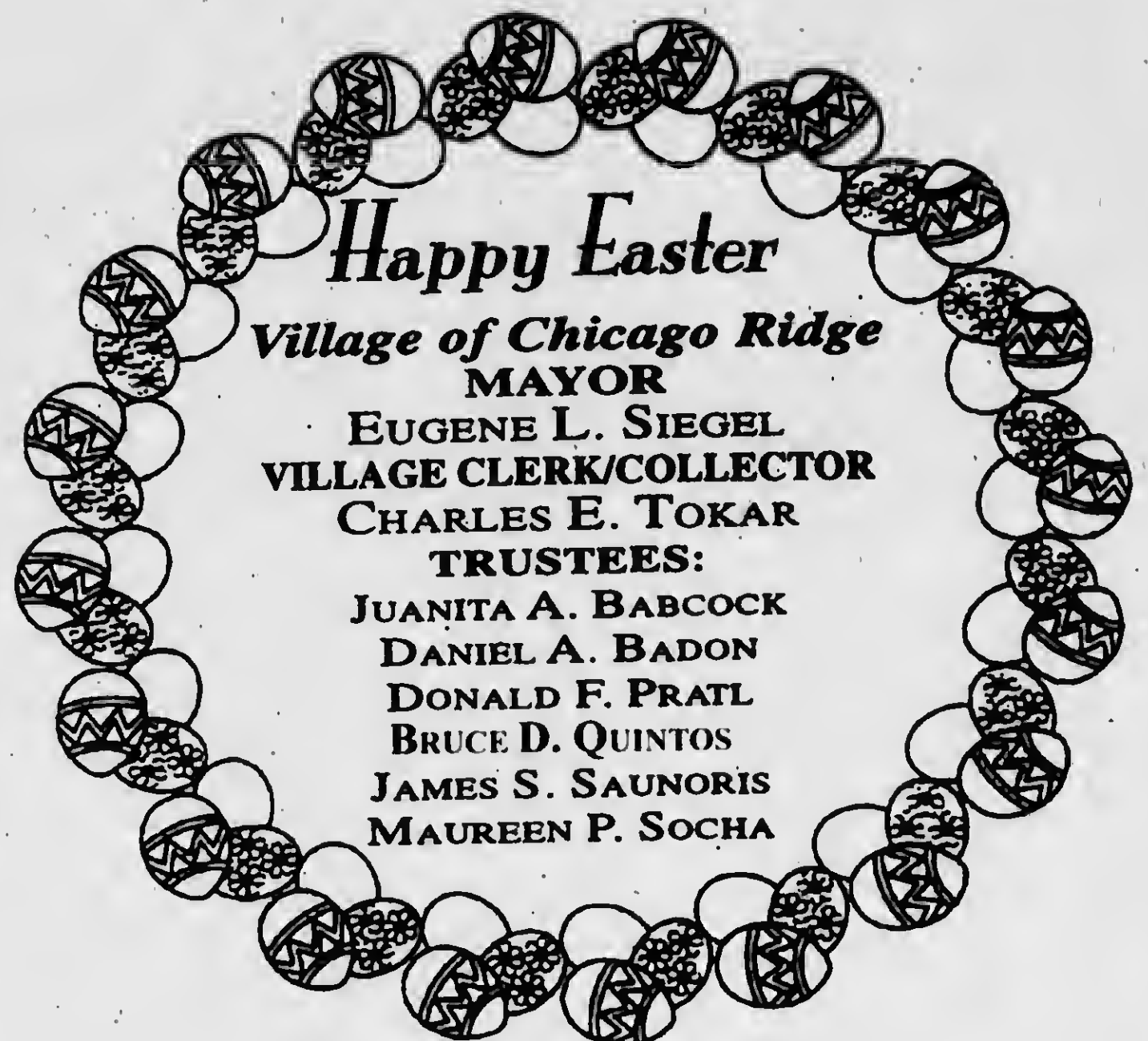
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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights: Obesity

For most people, being "fat" is a most painful existence. They feel helpless, humiliated and worst of all, their self-worth or self-esteem is non-existent. Very often fat people were fat as children who grew up to become fat adults. All the pills, diets and exercise in the world cannot make them stay slim "if" they are even able to get slimmer. "Something" inside them knows what the "cause" of their weight is. That "something" can be found when the person enters into hypnosis or hypnotherapy sessions. (No, you do not go to sleep). Obesity "is" in the mind as well as the body, but sometimes buried so deeply that it is difficult for any doctor to find it or any medicine to deal with it. Alyn and I specialize in this area of Hypnotherapy. We are Certified Medical Hypnotherapists as well as Instructors and Practitioners. We specialize in personalized- "lifetime" taped sessions for weight-loss at a price most everyone can afford. Anyone can be hypnotized using the right method. Call us.

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New museum is coming

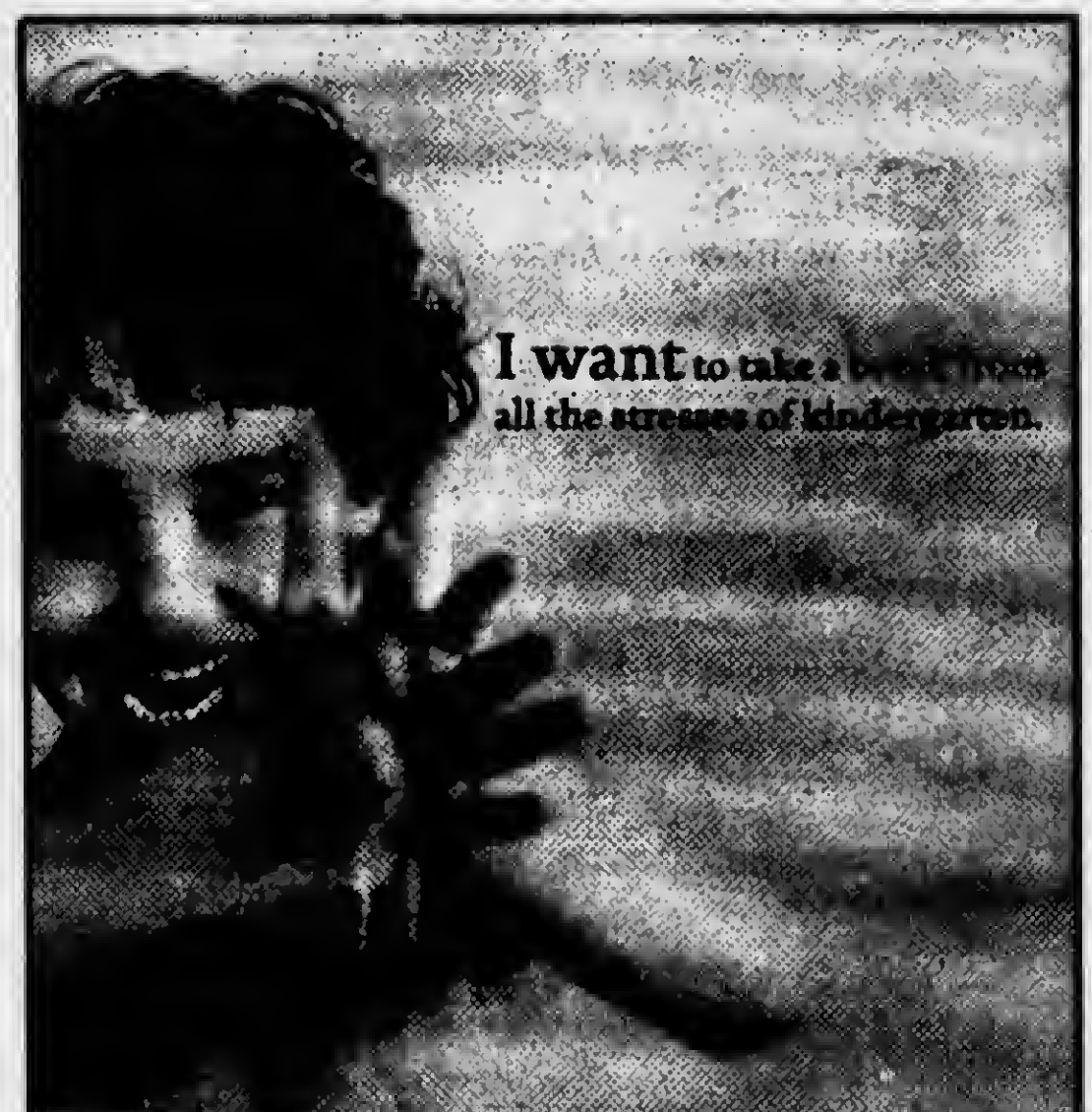
Landmark Towers on Michigan Avenue Bridge is to become Chicago River Museum and River Center. Friends of the Chicago River has announced a two-phased project that will transform the southwest tower of the Michigan Avenue Bridge into a river museum and the north-

west tower into a river culture center. This is slated for summer 2004. While visiting the museum, visitors will learn about the river's role with economic development, historical significance, environmental strength and recreational uses. Both bridge towers are also planned to

connect to a regional Chicago River-walk, another river project in process that includes bike and walking trails, nature paths, parks and increasing public access along side its banks. The river-walk already connects the Chicago River to Lake Michigan at the southwest corner of the bridge.

Shed to have new exhibit

The Shedd Aquarium announces that in June a special exhibit Sea Star Quest opens the 16th. The exhibit has things to see and do. Kids can give a live sea star a high five, touch a sea urchin's tube feet and meet sea cucumbers, feather stars and other echinoderms. The kids can even talk to the stars on conservation phones and walk like them at special play stations. The exhibit will be open six months. For information call 312-939-2438. Advance tickets are recommended by calling Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212.



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Library holiday closing

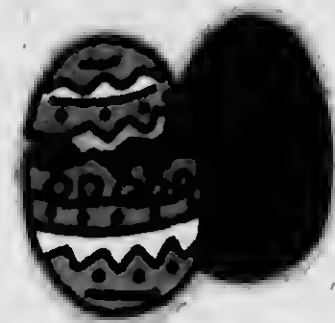
The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Easter Sunday, April 11. Regular hours on all other dates. The library is open: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., mid-September through mid-May.



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Easter Sunday is April 11, seatings are available at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. In addition, the Easter Bunny will be present all day long. Cost for this Brunch Extravaganza is only \$25 per person, \$10 per child ages 7-12, children 6 and under eat free. Tax and gratuity are not included.

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Good Friday, 4/9/04, 7:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday 4/11/04, 10:30 a.m.

Living Stations to be presented

As we end Lent, you're invited to join me, John, and the On Track Singles, at St. Daniel the Prophet Church on April 9th, Good Friday at 7 pm (5300 S. Nashville in Chicago) for the Living Stations. For more info, call John Bobek at 773-585-8242.

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Holy Saturday 4/10/04, 9 am
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Easter dinner blessing

by Marlene Jeziorski

Dear Father

We thank You for bringing us together this Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of Your Son Jesus.

We thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us.

We ask You to strengthen us in our faith, let us not despair in these uncertain times and teach us to love each other.

Come Holy Spirit, enlighten and guide us in our fight against the many facets of evil we face each day.

We send our love to family members and friends who now reside with You in Your Heavenly Home.

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and recommended by their school principal and earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance. Vognar is a reporter with the Village View newspapers. We congratulate both young men. Oak Lawn Community High School announces students of the quarter. Criteria for nomination includes: a minimum of a B average, demonstrating responsibility, above average effort, consistent growth and

have no unexcused lateness, absences or discipline problems. Awardees are: Business Education-Neil Neumann; English-Jessica Chathas; Family & Life science-Deina Musa; Fine Arts-Edward Suda; (an associate with Village View newspapers); Foreign Language-Laura Dee; Industrial; Technology-Abner Cordon; Math-Martin Alexander; Science-Ashley Alexander and Social Science- Joseph Fattore. Congratulations one and all.

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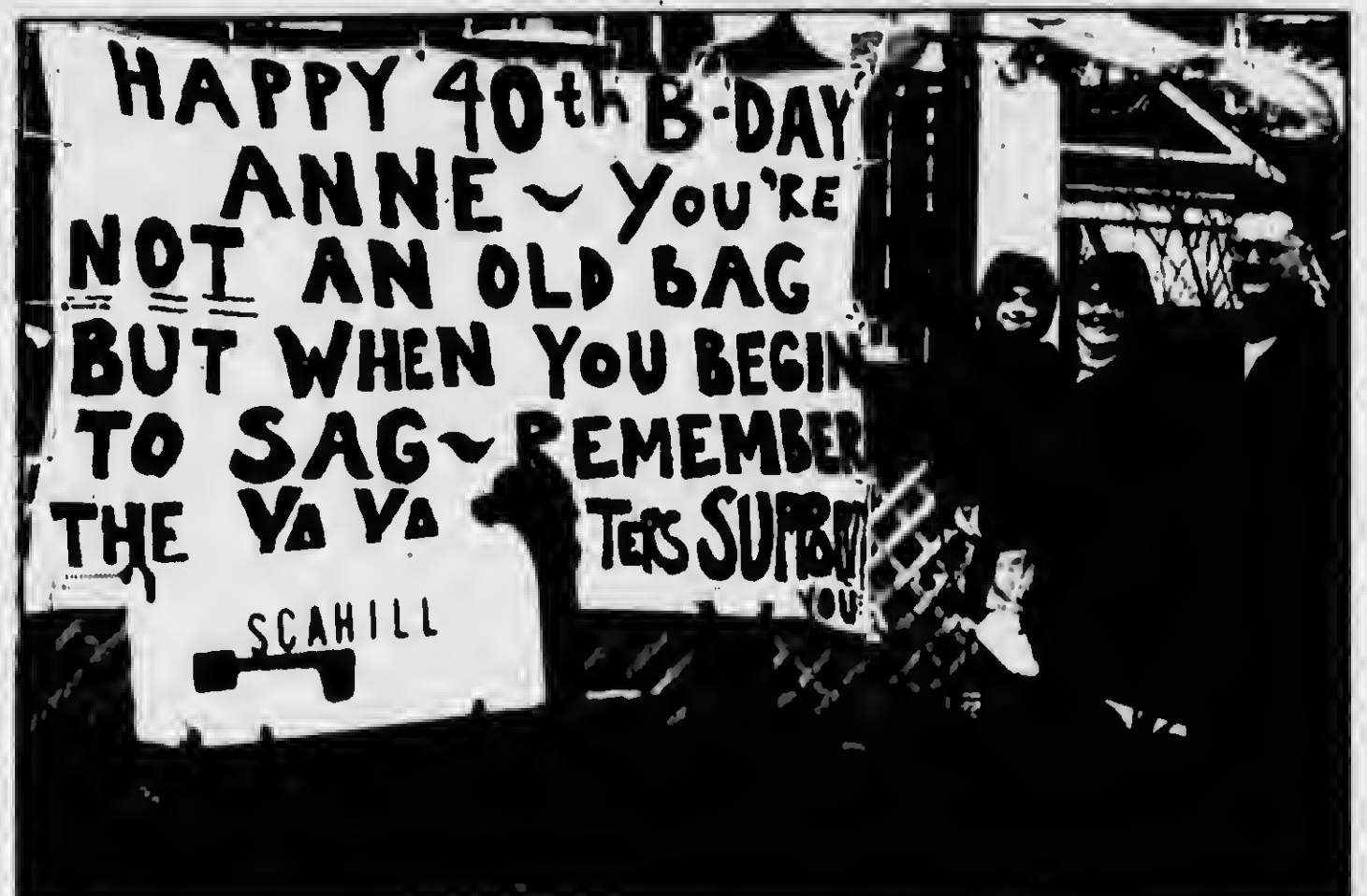


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Neighbors lend "support"

Anne has a lot of very good friends. They often threatened to do something drastic when she turned forty. Anne thought she might find a big rabbit sign on her lawn one morning proclaiming her fourth decade, or, perhaps, forty pink flamingos. You know, a traditional display. No? Her friends, the YaYa Sisters had other things in mind. The sign denoted their mental support; the dozens of yards of bras, tied end to end, showed the physical side of their "support". Ah, one one never knows what one will find when jogging through Evergreen Park.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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THE JOURNEY HOME



Life is to be celebrated. If there's one important lesson to be learned while on this journey of humanity that would be it. Sometimes you find yourself being reminded of this life lesson when you least expect it.

Together, in the name of friendship and love, family and friends gathered together to say a final good bye to a courageous champion of life, a true inspiration who proved to all who knew him that when the heart is willing the spirit knows no bounds.

You've met Virgil in past columns. He is a good friend of ours who has been dauntless in his efforts to defeat bone cancer.

His earthly battle came to an end when he succumbed to complications following a recent stem cell transplant.

At the onset of diagnosis, doctors were being generous giving him a prognosis of 6 months to live.

For the next 6 years,

Virgil defied any and all limitations. Though his physical body may have been taking a beating, his inner strength came from the belief that his love for life could carry him through—ever the victor on this cancer crusade he was bent on winning.

Gloria, his beloved wife, who has been by his side through every test, through every painful procedure, the one and only love of his life, gave him the reason to hang on when even hanging on didn't seem to be an option.

Friends would come to agree that that he was just too stubborn to give into this disease. He simply had too much to live for—that was that.

And so it was that he endured the painful process of drug therapies and tolerated every treatment imaginable in the hope that he would get the chance to live, once again, cancer free.

Sadly, that would not be the case.

Good byes were gently whispered to a kind and

generous man who would now, after giving it his best, begin his journey home.

In the midst of all this grief, I gazed at his tearful wife Gloria and wondered where one gets the strength to carry on after such heartbreak.

She stood at the nurses' station recalling what a character her husband was when it came to practical jokes. Even the doctors, who had been unknowing participants in his pranks had to admit his antics were unforgettable. He made people laugh. Throughout his 6 year ordeal you'd never know he was even sick, except when he'd be betrayed by a badly bloated body—the side effect of powerful medications. Nothing could keep him down.

One day he seemed to be at death's door and the next he was packing up the truck for a weekend camping trip. That was our dear friend Virgil.

They say we are all here to learn and to teach each other the lessons of life. I've learned things about my friend I never knew before, things he must not have thought were important enough to talk about. Like the beautiful, stirring lyrics and romantic poetry he penned for his unsuspecting wife that opened a window into the soul of a sentimental husband. She came across these timeless treasures when

she opened up what she thought was an empty briefcase sitting on the closet shelf.

Glancing at pictures of a man way too young, and full of life, to die, my eyes are drawn to the ever present smile that was such a big part of him. And, with his passing I am finding myself enlightened in more ways than one. For all its ups and downs, for all its pain and triumphs, life is to be celebrated. This was Virgil's philosophy. That message comes through loud and clear looking at photos of his beaming face—a man who fought because he believed he had everything to live for. His was a life lived to the fullest, cut down in its prime, reminding us that, sooner or later, we all run out of time.

But for those who are left to bid a fond farewell, there's a lesson to be learned—celebrate life! Savor the good times. Don't be afraid to laugh, to cry, or to soar as high as your dreams may take you. Appreciate life for the special present that it is. For one day as you take the final journey to your heavenly home, may you leave behind your love, your laughter, your courage and inspiration, as our dear friend Virgil Smith has done—gifting us with unforgettable memories—leaving us all a little wiser in lessons of the heart.

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Filing for bankruptcy requires legal help

Filing for bankruptcy is a serious matter and should not be undertaken without assistance from an attorney. While there are numerous books and do-it-yourself kits for doing your own bankruptcy, the complexity of the procedure as well as the risk that you will do something wrong is too great. There are four basic types of bankruptcy filings under the Federal Bankruptcy Code: Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 13.

Most personal bankruptcies are either Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 filings. A Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a quick and decisive bankruptcy, discharges (or cancels) most of your debts for overdue bills and credit cards. In a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, the person filing for bankruptcy must surrender all of his or her non-exempt property to the bankruptcy trustee. This property is sold so that a pool of money is made available from which to pay the people or businesses that are owed money.

Unlike Chapter 7, a Chapter 13 bankruptcy is usually a more time-consuming process and is designed to give the debtor (a person who owes money) more time to reorganize their financial situation and pay all or a portion of his or her debts. The usual amount of time is three years, although under certain circumstances, the court will give the debtor five years to repay the debt.

The typical Chapter 13 filer is someone who has a lot of non-exempt property that he or she could lose if he or she files under Chapter 7, or has secured debt (debt which is backed or secured by collateral in order to reduce the risk associated with lending). Examples of these are a home mortgage or a car loan. Because Chapter 13 has to do with reorganizing – not canceling a person's debt – the debtor must be able to prove to the court that he or she has the ability (a source of income) to pay off the reorganized debts over the time period ordered by the court.

Businesses, or persons with unsecured debts over \$750,000, file for debt reorganization under Chapter 11, whereby they can continue "business as usual" while reorganizing their finances to meet the claims of those to

whom it owes money. If creditors approve, all or part of the debt can be negotiated. Chapter 12 is used for family farmers.

Remember that filing for bankruptcy is a serious matter that has long-term consequences and as a debtor, you may have other options besides bankruptcy when faced with a large amount of debt. To discuss these options, seek the advice of a licensed attorney.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

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Source: Self Help Legal Center, Southern Illinois University School of Law

Getting financially ready for college

By: Rudi Hancock

For most high school seniors the year is coming to a swift close. Where did the time go? Seniors are coming to the harsh reality that time really does fly by in high school because that's when you have the most fun. Seniors start the anticipated college search and the painstaking task of filling out scholarship applications. Parents start to dig deep into pockets and savings for the higher price of education.

Paying for college is really a process that needs to be started early on. Parents should start saving while their kids are relatively young. This strategy will alleviate a lot of stress and pressure when the college search actually begins. The state offers a lot of options for parents starting early de-

veloping their child/children's college funds. Illinois, offers two types of 529 plans. The first plan is savings plans. Financial Services Company's handles this plan on behalf of the state. The savings plan is high risk because they rely on the stock market for growth. The loss of your child's education can slip away with the drop in the stock market. The state's prepaid plan called the *College of Illinois!* is a low risk plan.

Parents can protect themselves from inflation by setting a price now to cover future tuition and fees. The College of Illinois benefits can be used at public and private universities as well as out-of-state institutions. If a student decides to attend an out-of-state institution the *College of Illinois!* will pay the average tuition of Illinois public institutions at the time of the student's enrollment in college. For more information about *College of Illinois!* and other 529 plans visit collegeillinois.com or call toll-free (877) 877-3724.

Scholarships can help with the expense of college students face. Scholarships are not just for those who have straight A's, come from low-income families, or athletes. There is a wide range of scholarships to meet everyone's needs.

Fastweb.com is a reputable website that gives scholarships for specific colleges and scholarships for the color of your eyes and hair. A lot of scholarships can be found at the website to fit the college bounds preference. A lot of organizations find scholarships for students but be cautioned to the ones that ask for money to find scholarships. Anyone can find scholarships it does not cost money. The U.S. Commission For Scholastic Assistance is an organization that finds scholarships that can pay the entire tuition or help with the fees college imposes. For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed stamped business size #10 envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Lansdowne, VA 20165-0067.

Whether the saving for college was started early or late there are a lot of available resources to obtain for your college bound student. Scholarships play a significant role in the process of getting ready for college.

They help to cover some and possibly all expenses. It is key to keep check on the scholarships because some will not let the student know that they have received money. Parents have to call the college sometimes to see if any scholarships have arrived because some go straight to the school. By the time seniors are ready to throw their caps in the air the process of picking a college and getting all of the resources together to pay for it will be over. The next thing to do of course is live out the summer because there will never be a summer quite like that of your senior year. Parents get ready to cry, for more of your money will go to care packages, long distance phone calls, and more clothes.

New small business tax saving tool to use for health benefits

By Alan Nadolna

You heard it here first. In the coming months, you will hear more about a strategy which helps businesses cope with ever increasing health care costs. The name given to this methodology is RMA or Retiree Medical Account.

Here is the general idea. The employer can fund, on a tax-deductible basis, funds to be used for post-retirement medical expenses. The reimbursement of these expenses will not be taxable to the retiree.

What are these medical expenses, considering that retirees often have Medicare and a Medicare supplement? Certainly prescription drugs will be a major expense category, even with the new legislation in place. In addition, premiums for Medicare Part B, dental, vision, and even long term care can be covered.

The RMA is extremely flexible, and eligibility for participation can be based on longevity, years of service, and other factors. In many cases, the eligibility for the RMA can be focused down to key employees only, in some cases down to owners only.

Since medical expenses in post retirement years are hard to predict, the funding of the RMA can be substantial, so

The NASE offers tips for avoiding tax-filing errors

Simple mistakes on tax returns can result in processing delays and costly penalties. That's why it's important to examine your tax return thoroughly before you mail it.

The National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) offers other valuable resources to help reduce the worry and headaches associated with taxes. For example, TaxTalk provides a free online resource for personalized advice for all small-business owners, even those who are not NASE Members. In addition, TaxCentral gives NASE Members a one-stop online source for tax information including easy-to-use calculators to help figure estimated taxes along with convenient and secure online preparation and electronic filing of individual tax returns at significant savings.

The NASE offers these tips to help you avoid the most common tax filing errors:

1. Review your Social Security number as well as those for your spouse and dependents. It's easy to transpose numbers or leave one out altogether.
2. Be sure that the correct filing status and tax table were used.
3. Check 1099 forms for accuracy and be sure they correspond with the amount listed on your return. If there are any inconsistencies, it's your responsibility to resolve them.
4. Claim the right number of dependent exemptions. You may claim a dependent exemption for children, parents, and other dependents that you support.
5. Make sure there are no errors in computing any tax balance that is due or refund you are owed.
6. Attach proper documentation in the right order. Form 1040 should be on top. Put the rest of the forms in order by the attachment sequence numbers, which are generally listed in the top right-hand corner of each form. Behind those come any other statements or unofficial documents you submit.
7. Sign your return. Unsigned returns will be sent back to you and may be treated as if they have never been filed. As a result, you could be assessed a late-filing penalty and have your refund delayed.

The National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) is the nation's leading resource for the self-employed and micro-businesses, bringing a broad range of benefits to help entrepreneurs succeed and to drive the continued growth of this vital segment of the American economy.

The NASE represents hundreds of thousands of the smallest businesses across the United States. The association - which is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization - offers comprehensive benefits, services and discounts to give the smallest businesses big-business advantages. For more information, visit the Association's web site at <http://www.nase.org>.

For more detailed information about the benefits available for the self-employed, call Laura Page at 877-280-7487 (toll free) or visit her website at www.naseweb.com/laurapage.htm.

long as the assumptions are reasonable. For instance, a recent study conducted by a major actuarial firm, estimated that a couple, age 60 could expend a total of \$350,000 in the years between normal retirement age and life expectancy.

The RMA account is not subject to the participation and eligibility requirements of ERISA, the major in force benefits legislation. These plans are employer funded and interest (or earnings) are credited to the account during the accumulation phase. The plan has flexibility as to when the retiree receives a payout.

This kind of plan could be

of great value as "golden handcuffs" to attract and retain valuable employees. Or it could function as a tax-favored method of funding future medical expenses for owners of businesses.

For additional information on RMA's, contact The Associates Group at 847/509-5090.

Alan Nadolna is a consultant to financial service organizations and is a financial advisor to corporations and individuals. Your questions are invited by writing to Nadolna at Associates in Financial Planning, 633 Skokie Blvd., Suite 480, Northbrook, IL 60062 or call 800/428-9786 or 847/509-5090.

Easter Celebration DINNER

Springtime calls for fresh flavors and bright colors, guaranteed antidotes to the winter blahs.

The menu calls on citrus flavors to awaken the taste buds. Headlining the meal, asparagus and chicken are made quickly with the convenience of ready-to-use ReaLemon lemon juice. The combination of lemon juice and mustard to marinate the chicken before baking produces a tender and juicy result. Serve the chicken with rice to soak up the sauce.

And what food signals spring better than gourmet, intensely flavored jelly beans. They take center stage on the tabletop as a cheerful centerpiece. Clear, simple containers let the colors of the jelly beans shine, a welcome change from the usual floral bouquet. The candy shoppe centerpiece also

serves a dual purpose when the guests select a jar to take home as a parting gift.

To make the most eye-appealing centerpiece, collect five or seven containers of the same shape, but varying sizes. Layer individual flavors of Jelly Belly gourmet jelly beans in springtime colors, such as cotton candy, berry blue, pinia colada and kiwi flavors. Arrange the jars on a tray and sprinkle more jelly beans around the base.

Jelly-Bean Studded Meringue Nests
Make these nests the day before and scoop the sorbet just before serving.

6 egg whites
Pinch of salt
1 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar

1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 ounces assorted Jelly Belly jelly beans (cotton candy, berry blue, lemon drop, island punch, lemon lime)
Mango sorbet or sherbet

Preheat oven to 170°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Using round cookie cutter or small can, trace the outline of a 4-inch circle, for 8 to 10 circles. Set aside.

In clean, dry mixing bowl of electric mixer, beat egg whites, salt and cream of tartar until soft peaks form. With mixer running, add almond extract and gradually add sugar. Beat until stiff and glossy. Spoon meringue about 3/4 cup at a time onto parchment-lined baking sheet, using tracing lines as

guides for size. With large spoon make indentation in each meringue mound to form nests.

Gently press jelly beans into sides of meringues. Bake 2 1/2 hours, or until hard.

Just before serving, fill meringue nests with small scoop of sorbet or sherbet; serve immediately.

Makes 8 to 10 nests

Note: Nests can be made 2 days ahead. Store in airtight container.

Mustard-Lemon Chicken
A little sweet, a little tart — mustard and lemon are a winning combination.

1 (2 1/2 to 3 pounds) whole fryer chicken
1 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
3/4 cup coarse-grain brown mustard
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup cooking oil

Preheat oven to 375°F. Rinse chicken; pat dry. Skewer neck skin to back; tie legs to tail. Twist wings under back. Place, breast side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan.

For marinade, combine lemon juice, mustard, sugar and oil in small bowl. Pierce chicken with fork, pour half of marinade over; cover with plastic wrap. Marinate in refrigerator 2 to 4 hours. Reserve half of marinade.

Bake chicken 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Remove from oven when drumsticks move easily, juices run clear and thermometer registers 180° to 185°F. Cover and let stand 10 minutes before carving.

Bring remaining marinade to boil; cover and boil 1 minute. Serve reserved marinade with carved chicken.

Serves 6

Asparagus With Browned Lemon Butter
The splash of lemon dresses up springtime's favorite vegetable.

1/2 cup margarine or butter
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/4 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
2 pounds asparagus, oven-roasted or steamed
Toasted almonds, optional

Heat margarine or butter in small skillet, cooking until melted and just lightly browned. Remove from heat and stir in garlic and lemon juice. Spoon over asparagus; sprinkle with toasted almonds if desired.

Serves 6



From top: Jelly Bean Juleps, Mustard-Lemon Chicken, Asparagus With Browned Lemon Butter and Jelly-Bean Studded Meringue Nests

Jelly Bean Juleps
Lime juice and melted jelly beans make a refreshing spring drink.

1 cup lemon lime flavor Jelly Belly jelly beans
3/4 cup water
1 cup ReaLime Lime Juice from Concentrate
1/2 cup fine sugar
2 tablespoons mint syrup
4 cups club soda
Fresh mint and lime slices

for garnish

Place jelly beans and water in pan and heat until jelly beans are melted, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and add lime juice, sugar and mint syrup. Pour into small pitcher, add club soda. Stir to dissolve sugar. Pour in tall glasses over ice. Top with club soda and garnish with fresh mint and slice of lime.

Serves 6

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Tinley Park Library News

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The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 through 9 who enjoying reading and discussing books to participate in Teen Talk Thursday, April 8 from 7:00 – 7:45 pm. Pizza and pop will be served. Register and pick up the discussion book beginning March 25 at the youth services reference desk. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x125.

The Tinley Park Public Library has partnered with Moraine Valley Community College and eight other public libraries to host events related to the traveling exhibit "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," which will be on display in the Moraine Valley Library March 30 through April 28.

This panel discussion held at the Tinley Park Public Library Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 pm will explore the many themes presented in the novel. Registration begins Monday, April 12 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x 4.

For a complete list of events offered in conjunction with the Frankenstein exhibit, visit the Moraine Valley website at www.morainevalley.edu/frankenstein/.

The Tinley Park Public Library adult book discussion group will meet Wednesday, April 14 at 1:30 pm to discuss *The Razor's Edge* by Somerset Maugham and Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 pm to discuss *The Kitchen Boy* by Robert Alexander. No registration required. Books are available at the reference desk one month before the discussion date. For further info, phone 532-0160 x 2.

Look away Dixie Land! The Battlefield Balladeers will perform music from the American Civil War era at the Tinley Park Public Library Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 pm. Registration begins Wednesday, April 7 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x 4.

Well Said!

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 9 through 12 who enjoying debating current topics to stand up and speak at this program Tuesday, April 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Registration begins March 30 at the youth services reference desk. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x125.

Pirate's Mystery

Someone has stolen Captain Shivermetimbers' treasure map! Everyone has a motive – from the cabin boy to the cook, and it's up to program participants to decide who shall walk the plank Wednesday, April 14 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. Registration begins March 31 at the youth services reference desk or by phoning 532-0160 x125, open to students in grades 5 through 8.

The Tinley Park Public Library invites patrons from Tinley Park and Orland Hills to stop in during National Library Week, April 18 through April 24, and receive a free pencil and puzzle at the Circulation Desk. Patrons must show a current TPPL library card. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x 4.

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

Celebrate National Library, April 18 through April 24, at the Tinley Park Public Library and attend Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles Tuesday, April 20 from 4:00 – 5:15 pm. Adults must be accompanied by a child, and children under age four will not be admitted due to the nature of the program. There will be lots of audience participation and an opportunity to touch and feel the animals. No registration required, but space is limited to 100. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x125.

Teens in grades 6 through 12 who enjoy performing are invited to participate in On the Spot Theatre Wednesday, April 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Tinley Park Public Library. A musical, comedy, or drama will be performed "on the spot." There are no auditions or lines to memorize. Registration begins Wednesday, March 24 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x 125.

Improv Night

The Tinley Park Public Library youth services department invites teens in grades 6 through 12 to stop in with their friends for Improv Night Tuesday, April 6 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. No registration is required.

Teen Volunteers for the Summer Reading Program

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library is in search of Tinley Park and Orland Hills junior

high and high school students to help manage the summer reading club booths. Applications will be available April 5 and need to be returned no later than April 19. Interviews will take place beginning May 3. Openings are limited. Volunteers will be selected on a first-come first-served basis and as a result of a successful interview. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x125.

Library Closed

The Tinley Park Public Library will be closed Friday, April 9 and Sunday, April 11. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Chicago Ridge Library News

10400 S. Oxford

Several special April activities are planned for children ages 3-13 at the Chicago Ridge Public Library. On Saturday, April 3, an April Fool Backwards Party will be held from 2:00-3:00 pm. Children may wear their clothes backwards and should be prepared for lots of silliness. On Saturday, April 10, children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt from 9:00-4:00 pm. Drop in at any time to find eggs that the Easter Bunny has hidden in the library. The library reserves the right to limit the number of eggs found by each child. On Saturday, April 24, an American Girls' Tea Party will be held from 2:00-3:00 pm. Girls may dress in their fanciest clothes and can bring their American Girls' doll or another doll. There will be games, crafts, and a tea party all based on the American Girls' books. Registration is required for these programs and can be done in person or by calling the library at 708-423-7753.

Drop In Crafts will be available to children on Thursday's, April 15 and 29 from 2:00-4:30. No registration is required.

During spring break week, the library will show a children's movie in the meeting room. Come in on Tuesday, April 13, at 2:00 pm for a special movie and popcorn. No registration is required.

For all of the above programs, children age 3-6 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older. For further information call the library at 708-423-7753.

Contact person: Constance VanSwol, Youth Services Librarian

Oak Lawn Library News

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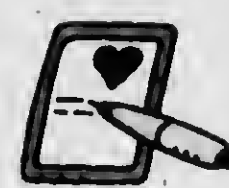
DVDs Now in Library's Collection

The Audio Visual Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., now offers DVDs for check out to patrons age 18 and up for five day loan periods. Limit two per patron. The cost is 50 cents for Oak Lawn residents and \$1 for nonresidents.

To view a list of the library's DVD holdings via the Internet, go to the SWAN Online Catalog (<http://swan.sls.lib.il.us>) and conduct a "Keyword" search. Use "DVD" as the keyword term, limit your search to items at "Oak Lawn" and select "DVD/VIDEODISC" as the format. Some recent additions include: "The Pianist," "Daredevil," "Cardio Salsa," "Doctor Zhivago," "Seabiscuit," "The Civil War," "Bob the Builder: Teamwork!," and "Johnstown Flood."

For additional information, call Audio Visual, 708-422-4990.

Library Hosts "Frankenstein" Panel Discussions
The Oak Lawn Public Library has partnered with Moraine Valley Community College and eight other public libraries to host events related to "Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature," a traveling exhibit that will be on display in the Moraine Valley Library from March 30 to April 28. The following panel discussions will be offered free of charge, first-come, first seated, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, in their lower level meeting room. The Novel Frankenstein – Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. – Frankenstein, published in 1818, was the first science fiction novel. Also notable, this work was written by a woman at a time when women were not taken seriously in the literary world. This discussion will focus on the novel Franken-



stein, its significance and impact on our culture. Art in Mass Media – Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. – The image of Frankenstein's monster shown by the mass media does not resemble the creature described in Mary Shelley's novel. This discussion will center on the various ways that art lives on in popular culture.

For a complete listing of panel discussions and a film series offered at other participating libraries, visit Moraine Valley's Frankenstein web site (www.morainevalley.edu/frankenstein). For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Trip: Ethnic Grocery Store and Bakery Tour

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host an informative tour of ethnic grocery stores and bakeries on Chicago's north side Monday, May 17. An in-person registration will be held at the Oak Lawn Public Library, Saturday, April 3 at 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Explore new flavors and experience multicultural cuisine. Stop and shop in the following neighborhoods: Argyle for Vietnamese and Chinese selections; Andersonville for a Swedish bakery and lunch at Reza's Restaurant, where the menu is Persian and Mediterranean; and the Devon Street area for the foods of India. The tour will be led by a docent who is a member of the Chicago Culinary Historians. Participants should wear comfortable shoes, for there is a fair amount of walking required.

The cost of this trip, which includes motorcoach transportation and lunch, is \$32 for Friends members and \$37 for others. The bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, call 708-422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library: Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month. September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. They will meet April 14 to discuss "The Hitch-Hikers" by Eudora Welty and May 12 for "A Final Report" by William Maxwell. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Fiction Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. They will meet April 28 to discuss "Life of Pi: A Novel" by Yann Martel and May 26 for "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk. For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, 708-422-4933.

Library Foundation Introduces "The Community Library Book"

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now accepting contributions to "The Community Library Book," a fund raiser celebrating the completion of the library's new addition and offering individuals and local businesses an opportunity to both create a lasting legacy and show their support in a highly visible way.

For a \$25 minimum tax-deductible donation to the Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation, you may dedicate one or more square feet of the Oak Lawn Public Library for yourself, your business, in honor of a friend, in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. At your request, a dedication card will be sent to the honoree or, in the case of a memorial, to the family of the deceased. Your contribution will go toward the purchase of new patron seating and tables for the library's addition.

To recognize this gift, the honoree's name will be engraved on a "Community Library Book" plaque that will be displayed in the library after their grand opening event in Summer 2004. In order to allot time to engrave the first series of book plaques, donations must be received by April 15. Contributions made after that date will be subject to new donation guidelines. A sample plaque is now on display in the library's lobby. The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that formed in 1993 to ensure that the Oak Lawn Public Library will continue to meet the current needs of our community and grow to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. A committee is gathering names of graduates from all classmates that have attended St., Martin or St. Anne from State through Halsted. The committee has been organized so that many different graduating classes will be represented.

If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.



**School
News**

Hillcrest's Strong Men in District Weight competition

Hillcrest High School Physical Education teacher, Nancy Newman, has announced that two of her students, "the strongest men in the school", have excelled in the weight room. They are seniors SHAREEF ALABI from Country Club Hills, lifting 1075 pounds, and TERENCE YOUNG from Markham, lifting 1055 pounds. Newman explained that these two students have not only qualified for the district meet to compete against the other schools in bench, power clean, and squat, but they have lifted a total of over a 1000 pounds for the weight board in the weight room called the Big 3: Bench, Squat and Power Press. Hillcrest's strongest men in the school will engage in the District 228 Weight competition to be held April 6 at Bremen High School.

Other Hillcrest students who will compete include: Aaron Gibbs, Andre Roberts, Anthony Early, Daniel Jackson, Donnell McGhee, Antonio High, Darius Powell, Ken Johnson, Donnell Jackson, Ahmed Mohammed, Courtney Banks, Terrell Henderson, Greg Harris, Maurice Acker, and James Smith.

Females: Avianca Taylor, Felicia James, Cezanne Gibbs, Nikita Odom, Cynthia Goodwin, Carmella Williams, Salonia Ollie, Candis Dabney, Kim Wingfield, Quenisa Stroud, Jane Ajuzie, Dominique Reed, Christine Imarenczor, Christi Fuery, Ladonna Johnson and Deanna Tidwell.

Annual contributions for local students

National Italian American Sport Hall of Fame Chicagoland Chapter will celebrate it's 15th annual Awards Dinner and dance.

The purpose of this organization is to give back to the community by offering annual scholarships to students who academically exceed. One does not need to be involved in sports.

This year at the award event a dozen high school

graduates will receive an monetary award toward their first year of college of their choice.

The doors open at 6:00 pm at Mama Luigi's Restaurant at 7500 S. Harlem Ave. Dinner is at 7:00 pm.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, but please call in advance. The price of this year's ticket is only \$25 per person. The public is invited to share in this endeavor.

Every year the National

Italian American Sport Hall of Fame Chicagoland Chapter honor a member of the year.

This year Joseph Trigoletti will be honored for his work towards our Chicagoland Chapter.

The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Museum on Taylor Street will be opened this year and our Chicagoland Chapter will take part in that opening.

If you are interested in becoming a member and or attending this year's dinner event, please contact one of the following: Pat Grieco (708) 430-5829, Philip

Tennis season to start



Patrick McCarthy and Scott Olenak Brother Rice tennis single players this season.

Brother Rice Tennis looks forward to upcoming season with Coach Marty Grogan. Two conferences singles champions in sophomore Patrick McCarthy of Beverly and senior Scott Olenak of Evergreen Park. The boys qualified in the state tournament and give the Crusaders a strong one-two punch in singles. Grogan foresees Brother Rice making a run in the Chicago Catholic League. The season begins April 3 in the Oak Park-River Forest Tournament.



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Theater Area news

By MJD

Beverly Arts Center of Chicago presents Chicago Style Stand Ups, a unique new comedy show to the BAC for one night only on Saturday, April 17 at 7:30 and 10pm. Tickets are \$25 at the box office 773-445-3838.

Wizard of Oz comes to St. Michael's School in Orland Park. 68 students from 4-7th grade are in the production as cast, crew, dancers and munchkins. It will be April 30-May 1, 2004. For info call 708-349-0068. 4th grade students recently toured the Lyric Opera House. They were able to peer into the pit, stand on stage, view backstage activities, try on costumes from different operas and have a great time. There may be future stars.

Remy Bumpo Theater Company announces Chicago premier Hidden Laughter by English playwright Simon Gray. The play spans a ten-year span in the life of a London family who purchased a weekend cottage to get away from it all. It is a play about life's marriages, infidelity, children and the usual middle class stuff. It runs April 4 to May 16 at Victory Gardens, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. Chicago. (Box office 773-871-3000) Note Gray has been called the English Chekhov and the moralist like Noel Coward.

Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) announces the return of Tatsu Aoki the prolific string bass and drummers to kick off Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Aoki is the founder and director of the Asian-American Jazz Festival. He is an international recording artist. The concert is May 1, at 7:30pm. The box office is 312-297-4010. MCA is at 220 East Chicago Ave, Chicago.

Good Time Charley Singles Dances at Willowbrook are scheduled for Friday's April 9, May 7 and June 18, 2004. On a typical Friday night singles party, more than 500 men and women gather to dance to the tunes of a disk jockey. Admission is \$7. Country and Western dance is moving to Thursday nights from 7-11pm. Dates are April 1, 8 and 29 along with May 6 and 27. Admission is \$6. Western attire acceptable. For information call 708-839-1000. The

Outcast Jazz Band will perform on April 24 from 7:30-12:00 midnight. Open dancing follows at 8:30. The band plays 30's, 40's and 50's music. Tickets are \$10. Guests are encouraged to wear vintage attire. (No jeans or gym shoes).

Willowbrook is located 8900 S. Archer Ave, Willow Springs.

Lookingglass Theater Company completes the 2003-04 season with The Shaggs: Philosophy of the World a new musical. The work is a heartbreaking exploration of the dark side of the American dream. The Midwest premier runs April 21 through June 13, 2004. The theater is located 821 N. Michigan, Chicago.

Entertainment & FYI

by Marijo Doody



Flutes Unlimited's three choirs will be holding their Spring Season of concerts on two Fridays. On April 30 the elementary and intermediary levels will play and on May 7 the advanced group will perform. Tickets are \$8 and \$6. The performances will be at St. Xavier's McGuire Hall, 3700 W. 103rd Chicago. For information call 708-425-4078.

Earth Day is coming

Chicago's Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum commemorates Earth Day with a full month of activities. All programs are free with Museum admission, and it is free on Thursday, April 22 (Earth Day) and Sunday April 25. Composting demonstrations will be available April 10, 11, 13, 15, 24, 25, 27 and 29. Please verify times in the visitor guild upon arrival.

Building tours are Saturdays and Sundays: April 10, 11, 24 and 25 at 11:30am and 2pm.

You can connect with scientists and research people on Earth Day to learn about careers and research. This is from 10am to 2pm on April 22.

All planters are invited to the Notebaert Nature Mu-

seum for the Earth Day planting from 1-4pm. Call Cindy at 773-755-5141. Tools and beverages will be provided. The Notebaert Nature Museum offers a number of fun and educational programs. Visit the web www.naturemuseum.org for added information and program schedules. The Notebaert Nature Museum is located at 2430 N. Cannon Drive (at Fullerton) in Chicago's Lincoln Park.

Greta Wiley book review

The Prestige Club at Palos Bank and Trust presents a Greta Wiley Book Review and luncheon at the Georgios Comfort Inn & Banquets located at 8800 W. 159th St. in Orland Park, on Wednesday, May 5 at 11 am.

Greta is a full-blooded book dramatist, mounting a one-woman show that summarizes entire novels and biographies complete with character dialogue and run-

ning commentary in 60 minutes or so on stage. She breathes living passion and fury into the work, never without a point of view.

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Photo: Students of the month: Ulisses Campos (Pilsen), Patrick Biernacki (Oak Lawn), KKevin Field (Clearing) and Fernando Marquez (Blue Island).

Math Team takes honors

News at St. Laurence High School are as follows: The Math Team took first and second place honors in the Regional Illinois Council of Teachers of Math Competition. The members advance now to the state competition on May 1. Students of the month have been announced and they were cited for their efforts in the remodeling of the space for the new Student Activities center for annual Spirit Week.

Christopher Kerzich, 2001 graduate of St. Laurence spent the last four months as a White House Intern. The experience afforded him the opportunity to work daily in the shadow of the Oval Office and on different programs of the administration. He recently returned to speak to students.

Adler has new programs

Adler Planetarium offers first-rate classes in April. Topics are as follows: Astronomy and the Hubble Telescope on Wednesday's April 21 and 28 from 6:30-8:30pm. Cosmological Mysteries on Wednesday's April 14, 21, 28 at 7:00-8:30pm. Navigating with Global Positioning System on Thursday April 15 from 6:30-8:30pm. Bright Star Stargazing on Wednesday's April 14 & 21 from 6:30-8:30pm. The last April program is Using Your New of Old Telescope on Thursday's April 15 & 22 from 6:30-8:30pm. Fees all differ. Call the Plan-

etarium at 312-294-0361 for fees and to register. Contact Meghan Smith, inside sales representative.

Ducks & Geese in Nature

The Museum of Contemporary Art will collaborate with Notebaert Nature Museum on Jennifer Monson/Bird Brain: Ducks and Geese Migration. Monson's choreography brings together dancers, scientists, environmentalists and nature lovers alike. The project follows the migratory pathways of birds from the Gulf of Mexico

through the Midwest to Canada. There is a 2pm outdoor performance on April 25. The program follows with an indoor community panel. The metaphysical relationships will be related to humans. This is a free day.

A Day of Enlightenment, Saturday, April 17, 2004, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. O'Hare Hyatt Regency; hosted by internationally renowned spiritual teachers James Van Praagh and Dr. Brian Weiss. Expand your mind and open your heart in an Experimental workshop with the experts on life before birth and life after death. General admission: \$165. For information and reservations: 800-222-4852 x223 or www.vanpraagh.com

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163rd and Confusion: Orland Debates Intersection, Congratulates Speech Team

By David Vognar

As most, if not all, Orland Park residents know, LaGrange Road can be a drag. On one hand, the major thoroughfare offers south-suburbanites easy access to Orland Square and the town's other major shopping outlets and attractions. On the other hand, the high density road is known to be plagued with roiling back-ups and sometimes frustrating delays.

The real dilemma, though, is felt most severely by "tributary" streets that intersect with LaGrange. That brings up the problem of the intersection at 163rd Street and LaGrange Road. Located North of Marcus Theater, this intersection is so packed to the gills on Friday and Saturday nights during peak movie-watching hours that residents have begun to complain. The village is also taking notice.

At the April 5, 2004 Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting, the board adopted a measure proposed by Marcus Theater representatives and the civil engineering firm of Gewalt Hamilton of Vernon Hills to build an extra lane onto 163rd Street going eastbound across LaGrange.

Most traffic problems, Mayor Dan McLaughlin asserted, arise when moviegoers drive back to their homes after showings, heading northbound on LaGrange. The mayor had proposed creating two left-turn only lanes and designating the current right hand lane as a voluntary through street-cum-right had turning lane.

However, GH transportation engineer Daniel

Brinkman, who studied the intersection extensively, advised the village and Marcus Theater that the money would be better spent by, when adding an extra eleven feet of road onto the 163rd Street stretch, designating only one lane as a left-turn only. The other two would serve as a through street and a right turn only lane.

Brinkman contended that IDOT and the Illinois Department of Transportation would only allow for a ten second green light period for dual left-hand turning lanes. The state commonly spots single left-hand turning lanes sixteen seconds. After evaluating for efficacy and car density in relation to LaGrange, Brinkman concluded that his three-pronged roadway plan would get the most cars out of the theater parking lot in the fastest way.

Questions abounded, however, about the sagacity of using the additional lane as a right-hand turning lane, instead of creating two left-hand turning only lanes. The skeptics will have their day six months after the road improvements, as GH consultants will report back to the board about the developments.

In other news, Mayor McLaughlin extended his hearty congratulations to the Sandburg High School speech team, helmed by head coach Daniel Sackett. At the February 21 state speech/individual events competition held at Naperville Central High School, Sandburg took the state by storm, finishing fourth in team points.

Senior Beth Palecek led the team with her state cham-

pionship performance in the humorous interpretation event. Palecek also placed third in the original comedy

category. Senior Erin Henry was the state runner-up in prose reading, while Nina Mehta placed fifth in oratorical declamation speaking and C.J. Arellano was a state qualifier.

Palecek treated the board to a performance of her state-winning piece, "Around the World in a Bad Mood," to the delight of both comedy-lovers and weary frequent fliers in attendance.

Identity Theft information seminar

"When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name"

So many people seem to think that bad things will happen to other people and not to them. Unfortunately, that's not always the case and more and more people have become the victims of identity theft and have had to deal with the harsh reality of trying to take back their own good name and credit. Don't let it happen to you.

The Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services in cooperation with the Orland Park Police Department, will host "When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," an identity theft information seminar at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2004 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

Orland Park Police Sergeant Charles Cassata and Investigator Kevin Navas will present an informational seminar on identity theft and how to prevent becoming a victim. The free seminar will include information on how identity theft occurs, how to minimize the risks, what to do if you are a victim, where to go for help and resolving credit problems. Also included will be information on choosing whether or not to share your personal information and a special word about lost or stolen checks. Learn how to protect yourself against someone trying to steal your identity and credit.

For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.

Orland Vets Announce "Orland Park Cares" Collection

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission is collecting items for care packages to send to those currently serving overseas in the United States military, calling its collection efforts "Orland Park Cares." The entire community — individuals, families, churches, scout troops, schools, and civic groups — is invited to be a part of this effort.

For Your Information

Orland Park Administrative Adjudication Process for Non-Vehicular Code Violations

Effective January 1, 2004, the Village of Orland Park began implementing a new system of administrative adjudication of the village's non-vehicular code and ordinance violations.

The village-appointed hearing officer will preside over all administrative hearings as the adjudicator. The hearing officer will be an attorney who has been licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois for at least three years. He or she will have successfully completed a formal training program, which includes instruction on the rules and procedures of the Administrative Hearing. The hearing officer may also levy fines. Due to the severity of the violation, repeat offend-

ers can expect larger and more severe fines.

This new system will make it more convenient for the residents of Orland Park. Beginning Tuesday, March 9, 2004, hearings will be held every second Tuesday of the month from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia Avenue, rather than at the Bridgeview Courthouse.

The parties involved in the violations will be notified of an administrative hearing (by ticket), which includes the type and nature of the code violation or violations, and the date, time and place where they are to appear.

Parties will be given an opportunity to be represented by counsel if they choose and present witnesses, if necessary for their cases.

This new system will allow the Village of Orland Park to provide its residents with a better environment in which to live by enforcing its codes and ordinances in a timely manner.

"We have boxes in all of the village buildings so that residents and groups can easily drop off whatever they'd like to contribute to the 'Orland Park Cares' collection," said Orland Park Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer.

Suggested care package items include anti-itch cream, athlete's foot spray, baby wipes, batteries (AA & AAA), breath mints, cough drops, crossword puzzles, dental floss, disposable razors, eye drops, fly paper, fly swatters, freezer bags, hand sanitizer, individual packets of Italian or vinaigrette dressing to make MREs more palatable, insect repellent, lip balm, moisture cream, multivitamins, pens, shave cream, sun block, toilet paper, tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size Kleenex, vacuum-sealed foods, white tube socks or anything else

contributors might think military personnel would need.

Contributions for the military care packages may be dropped off at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; the Orland Park Civic Center, the William R. Vogel Memorial, at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue; the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue; and at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

Further information about Orland Park's care package collection is available by calling Blummer at 708/403-6203.

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Moraine Valley raises tuition to offset state funding cut

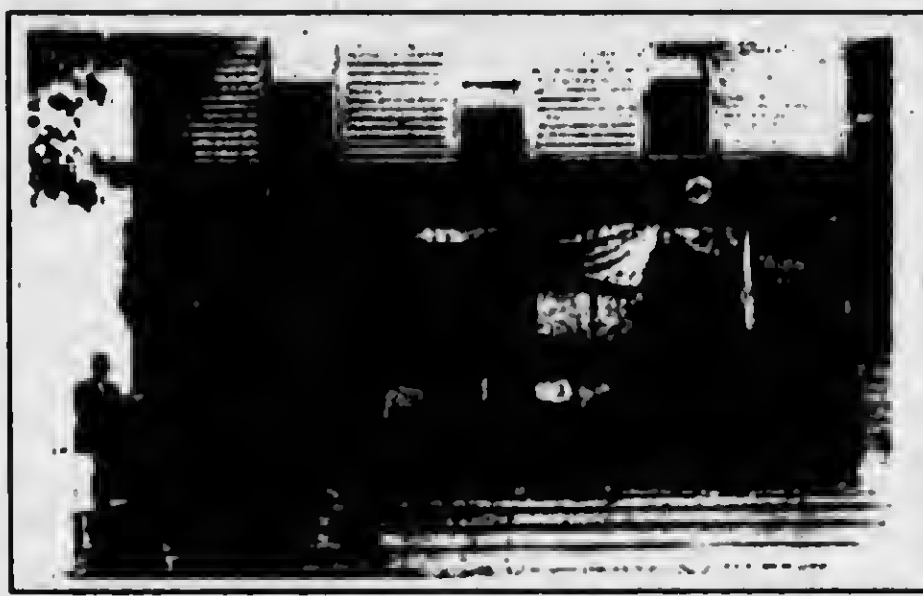
To offset a reduction of \$1 million in state funding, the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees approved an additional \$4 per credit hour tuition increase for fall 2004 at its March 15 meeting.

A \$2 increase was already scheduled for the fall as part of a three-year plan the board approved in 2002 to make up for a 3.5 percent reduction in state funding then. That trend has continued. "As a result of the governor's recommended budget for community colleges for the 2004-05 academic year, Moraine Valley will get approximately a million dollars less than this year," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. "When you add in the fixed and contractual costs as well as inflation, the \$2 increase will not be enough to balance our budget even with internal cutbacks." The additional \$4 per credit hour will generate about \$1 million, he added.

Tuition will be \$59 per credit hour in 2004-2005. Including fees, the total cost will be \$64 per credit hour.

Currently, Moraine Valley has the 16th lowest tuition and fee rate among the 39 Illinois community college districts and ranks in the bottom half of the 16 community colleges in the Chicago area. Eleven of those 16 colleges are raising tuition for fall 2004.

"Moraine Valley continues to be an excellent value for students seeking an associate's degree or certificate, especially when you compare our tuition to four-year private and public colleges and universities and to proprietary institutions. Our graduates also tell us that in surveys," Dr. Crawley said. "We are making a concerted effort to ensure that all of our students have the needed programs and services and opportunities to be successful no matter their endeavor."



80th Ave. & 122nd St., 1908 Courtesy of Palos Historical Society

Historic preservation moves ahead

Most residents of Palos Park recognize the historic value of many homes and other buildings in the Village and would like to preserve and even rehabilitate them. The McCord House, which is currently being remodeled for the Designers' Showcase in April and May, might be one of the buildings to qualify for historic preservation status if Palos Park meets requirements set by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Other nearby communities that have become CLGs are Lemont, Blue Is-

land, Frankfort and Orland Park.

A Certified Local Government (CLG) Task Force, chaired by former Commissioner Jim Madden and consisting of Commissioner Mary O'Connor and several other interested residents, was formed in September to explore the benefits and means of having the Village designated a Certified Local Government. They have met with the representative of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency as well as similar groups from Hinsdale and

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Robert E. Maloney
Palos Township Assessor

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Generally, CLG status gives municipalities the ability to designate buildings and properties as local landmarks if they are more than 50 years old. Requirements as a CLG include adopting historic preservation ordinances and establishing a preservation review commission. Some benefits of owning a home or property with landmark designation include a possible

tax freeze during the period when rehabilitation is being done, and possible tax credits. Individual homeowners, as well as the Village in general, will reap the rewards of preserving many of the historic but aging homes. Designation as a landmark property will be strictly voluntary and must meet criteria set by the Secretary of the Interior's office, i.e. distinguishing architecture, works of notable builders or architects. The Village may set additional standards it feels are specific to Palos Park.

Meetings of the CLG Task Force are open to the public. Dates and times of meetings are posted on the Village website, cable access station and Kaptur Center bulletin board. Residents interested in having their home considered by the CLG Task Force may contact Commissioner O'Connor at (708) 448-2700.

Downtown comes to Palos Hills in Cafe 9 Bar

By Carlene O'Connor

We have a little bit of downtown right here in Palos Hills. A new bar has opened, Cafe 9, that is classy, which makes you feel that



you are in the loop. It's swanky and very well decorated, with a modern motif.

There is a full liquor bar with premium wines, champagnes, and top shelf liquors. Also, there is espresso, which they are known for, and Italian espresso latte which are all delicious.

While enjoying your drinks, you may also choose an appetizer or a sandwich to go along with it. They have excellent fried calamari, fried chicken fingers, mushrooms, onion rings, spicy fries, shrimp cocktail, pizza puffs, and fried poppers to name a few. They also have sandwiches such as Italian beef, jumbo hot dogs, turkey subs, roast beef subs, and pizza. It's great to stop in and grab a quick bite with friends.

It's reasonably priced, and all under \$6 for everything on the menu. You would not believe the prices, for a place that's so classy.

Mido Mostefa, 28, the comptroller of the bar, invites everyone to an 8 week Karaoke contest on Wednesdays, from 8 pm - 12 am. Anyone aged 18+ is welcome. The contest started March 24th. (1 male and 1 female finalist each week) Co-sponsors are 2 Z Wireless, Jamarco Hair Design, Tulip cleaners, and Eddy's Tobacco & Liquor.

Cafe 9 is located in the White Hen Plaza at 8082 W. 111th Street. There is plenty of parking.

What makes Cafe 9 different from the average bar is their motto. When asked, Mido said, "At Cafe 9, it's a

family business. My mom owns it. We take great pride in it. We love our customers and are always giving to our clientele. We started by word of mouth. At Cafe 9, you are always a star.



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by Kathy Whirity
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Gardening without a yard is growing in popularity

by Lance Walheim,
Bayer Advanced Garden Expert

Container gardening - growing plants in outdoor or indoor pots or other containers - remains one of the fastest-growing segments in the U.S. gardening industry.

According to the most recent National Gardening Association survey, more than 30 million households engage in container gardening - that's a 500 percent increase since 1996.

There are several reasons for the growing interest in container gardening. It's a great way for beginners to learn more about growing plants and for enthusiasts to decorate and add year-round life and color to a home. Garden containers fit in almost any space inside the house or on the balcony or patio. When it comes to container selection, virtually anything goes: antique washtubs, metal water cans or clay pots are options. Larger pots should be used for larger plants, and small holes should be drilled in the bottom of the container, if necessary, for proper drainage.

To thrive, plants or flowers grown in containers should be placed in the shade or sunshine, wherever it grows best. This includes annuals, perennials, bulbs, cacti, roses and dwarf or smaller plant varieties as



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Keeping The Weeds Out Of Your Yard

by Lance Walheim, Bayer Advanced Garden Expert

Weeds compete with grass for moisture and nutrients, robbing your lawn of the food that it needs. Not only that, but weeds look bad and detract from the curb appeal of your home.

In fact, The Lawn Institute says that homeowners may realize up to a 15 percent increase in property value because of a well-manicured lawn and landscape.

The best way to keep the weeds out is with a balanced lawn-care program that includes:

- ¥ Proper watering. Watering too much or not enough invites weed growth. In mid-summer, most lawns need at least an inch of water a week - more in hot summer areas. Watering early in the morning is best because it helps prevent lawn diseases.

- ¥ Fertilizing. Feed warm-



season grasses in late spring and summer and cool-season grasses in the fall and spring.

- ¥ Frequent mowing. Taller grass means deeper roots. In midsummer, set your mower to cut at the upper end of your lawn's recommended mowing height. Mow when the grass is a third higher than the recommended mowing height.

Despite the best-laid plans and effort, weeds still can sneak into your yard. The question is: What is the best way to get rid of the weeds? Traditionally, it has always depended on the type of weed in your lawn.

Most common lawn weeds fall into one of two categories: broadleaf weeds such as dandelions and clover, and grassy weeds, including crabgrass. Most weed killers for lawns eliminate either broadleaf weeds or grassy weeds, but not both.



A product called Bayer Advanced Lawn(r) All-in-One Weed Killer is said to kill more than 200 kinds of broadleaf and grassy weeds, including dandelions, clover and crabgrass, in one easy step. The ready-to-use formula has SmartTrack(r) - a non-staining, red-colored marker that shows which weeds have been sprayed and which ones haven't. And it won't harm your lawn when used as directed.

You can learn more about caring for your lawn and garden and about discounts on various Bayer Advanced products by visiting www.bayeradvanced.com or by calling 1-877-BAYERAL.

Proper watering, fertilizing and frequent mowing can all help to keep a lawn free from weeds.

Farmer Survey Reveals Inconsistencies In Phosphorus Practices

A recent survey of croplands across the United States reveals that soil testing and fertilizer application practices are inconsistent with farmers' stated understanding of phosphorus' importance in helping maximize crop profits. Nearly 40 percent of farmers surveyed, soil-test only half of their acreage on a regular basis to determine phosphorus application levels, despite 73 percent acknowledging the nutrient's vital role in early crop development and generating higher yields.

According to Mike Brubaker, a 25-year practicing agronomist and long-standing member of the NAICC, "These practices leave a significant percentage of crop fields untested, and thus highly vulnerable. Farmers can't assume that there is adequate phosphorus in the soil, and the only way to know how much phosphorus and other nutrients are in their fields is to engage in a regular soil-testing program."

A regular soil-testing program can be defined as one that provides representative soil-test information for each individual field, regardless of field size, every three to four years. Oftentimes, this testing will utilize either grid or management zone sampling.

The Phosphorus Utilization Survey was commissioned by a group of private- and public-sector agronomy experts from the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC), the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Cargill Crop Nutrition, and the Potash and Phosphate Institute (PPI). Last year the coalition launched the Phosphorus 101, (P101) Education Project, a long-term effort to educate and inform farmers of the benefits of phosphorus.

The study's findings on phosphorus awareness and usage corroborate a major finding of the landmark 2001 Soil Test Levels in North America study by the Potash and Phosphate Institute, which revealed that 47 percent of North American farmland is at barely optimal or less-than-optimal phosphorus levels, despite advances in soil-testing methodology and application technology.

"Phosphorus is like the crop's battery-vital to root growth, seed formation, disease resistance, and early maturity, but as this latest study shows, testing and application practices are not in sync with general awareness about the valuable function of phosphorus," says Dr. Dan Froehlich, U.S. Manager of Agronomy for Cargill Crop Nutrition. "In addition, we are now learning that soil-testing levels are dropping into the medium or low range, and it will take many years to build soil nutrient levels back to where farmers can maximize this resource."

"Through efforts such as our P101 education campaign, we hope to work more closely with farmers, fertilizer dealers, crop consultants and others to promote responsible use of phosphorus through regular soil testing and approved application methods that will most benefit their soil," added Froehlich.

For more information about the Phosphorus 101 Education Project, visit www.P101.org. For a copy of the coalition's Phosphorus Utilization Survey, contact David Feider at (952) 742-6910, david_feider@cargill.com.



RC Flying Club will meet

The 107th Aerosquadron R/C Flying club will meet at the John A. Oremus Community Center, 7401 W. 75th Street, Bridgeview, IL on Monday April 12, 2004 at 7:00 pm. The meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in R/C modeling is welcome. Questions - Call Scott Mertens 708-532-0961.

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Mock Fatal Crash enacted

It's prom season and that means it's time to party. The problem is that so many young people associate prom with a free night to drink alcohol. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 14 and 34 according to a 2001 study conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. Although 16-24 year olds comprise only 15.63 percent of the licensed drivers in the State of Illinois, they are involved in 21.4 percent of all fatal alcohol-related traffic crashes.

To help raise awareness of this ongoing problem, the Oak Lawn Police and Fire Department along with Oak Lawn Community High School conducted a mock alcohol-related traffic crash on Tuesday, April 20th at 9 am in the high school's drivers education driving course.

It is the hope of the Oak Lawn Police Department to make the young adults think twice about their plans on prom night and encourage them to have a fun alcohol and drug free prom.

Any questions about this event may be directed to Sergeant Joe Stubbs or Officer Jim Pacetti in the School/Community Relations Division at (708) 499-7880 or Mary Egan of Oak Lawn High School at (708) 741-5659.

Next Issue:
May 4th:
Mothers Day and
Graduations



St. Rita announces Mustangs of the month: pictured are Freshman Daniel Point (Evergreen Park); Junior Marcus Belin (Wrightwood); Sophomore Robert Perreira (Posen); Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard OSA; Seniors Daniel Larkin (Mt. Greenwood) and Brett Wolniakowski (Oak Lawn).

Evergreen Park extends scavenger service and encourages recycling

By Matt Mayer

The board approved an extension for Land and Lakes to provide scavenger service at the April 5th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. "This is a two-fold agreement", Mayor James Sexton said. It locks in the current contract and pricing for two additional years and will extend the contract to 2011. Secondly, the scavenger service will provide each residence with a 95-gallon refuse container, free of charge, which will be labeled for household use. These containers are similar to the ones used for yard waste.

Recycling Director, Sue Kordes, reported that she has been testing the new container along with recycling and found it to be sufficient for her family of six. Sexton stated that it appears many residents have retreated from

recycling and encourages all residents to return to the practice. After the containers are issued, the village will begin enforcing its current codes Sexton said. Such codes include the times the containers can be set out and removed. Any container other than the ones issued must be restricted to 33 gallons. Also there will be a \$3 per month additional charge for any resident requesting a second container.

The board approved a request from Police Chief Michael Saunders to accept the resignation of Police Officer William Stahulak and declare a vacancy in the Patrol Division so as to pursue an appointment. A request from the Evergreen Park Athletic Association for a lease extension on Norris Field for the 2004 baseball season was approved as well as a request from Queen of Martyrs for a liquor license and permission

to hold their Martyrsfest 2004 on June 24th -27th.

The board approved the following Business Regulation Certificates Midwest Medical / Day staffing of IL, LLC, a nurse staffing and placement office at 2940 W. 95th St, CCS/Labs Inc., a cable recovery service for Comcast at 9500 S. Avers Ave, Illiana Home Medical, a sales and service office for durable home medical equipment at 9730 S. Western Ave, Suite 225-A, SVT Masters Corp, a Marathon station for a new owner at 2755 W. 87th St, Eddies Outlet, a retail clothing store at the Plaza, Keysmacker Computer Services, a custom computer builder, repair, and service office at 6511 W. 95th St, and Chicago Gymnastics Center, a gymnastic training center at 2700 W. 91st St. The street resurfacing project was awarded to Crowley Shepherd, the low bidder.

Check out your
NumAstrology
prediction with
Jacki Mari
on p. 6

Oak Lawn resident receives Cook County Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor Award

By Matt Mayer

At the April 13th Board of Trustees meeting, Acting Mayor Ron Stancik reported that Dolores Mitchell will receive the Cook County Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor award. Stancik had selected Mitchell to be the recipient of this award cook County Sheriff's Senior Medal of honor Award is given to senior citizens from throughout cook County who best represents the spirit of volunteerism. Formal invitations will be mailed to honorees and Cook County Officials Within the next two weeks. The award presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st at the Chicago Cultural center.

Erickson Ebenau received his oath of office as a Police Patrol Officer from Village clerk Jayne Powers. The board concurred with the planning and development commissions unanimous vote in reference to an amendment plan to delete all references concerning Cook School. The following traffic referrals were approved: A stop sign for westbound 94th St at Sayre Ave. the creation of a handicapped parking stall on the east side of 53rd Ave, just south of 95th St. and a no left turn from the first driveway east of Ridgeland Ave onto 95th St.

The board approved the following ordinances: No

parking on school days on 93rd St, from Austin to Melvina Ave. Certain garage size and wall length variations at 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. An ordinance amending the Village of Oak Lawn special use zoning ordinance at 5007 W. 95th St. as well as a parking variation at 5007 W. 95th St.

The board approved the IDOT preliminary Engineering Joint Agreement for the phase 11 Southwest Highway resurfacing project from Ridgeland to 95th St. The joint agreement is that the total estimated amount of \$52,000 shall be divided. The Federal Government will pay \$36,400 and the Village shall pay \$15,600 - which will come from the Village's Motor Fuel Tax funds. A joint funding agreement for a traffic signal at 93rd St and Ridgeland Ave was also approved. In this agreement the Federal Highway Administration will pay an estimated amount of \$75,600 and the Village will be responsible for the remainder amount of \$32,400. However the Village has received a letter from the Cook County Highway Department indicating that the County is willing to pay the entire amount of the local matching funds for this improvement. The next regular meeting is April 27th.

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News about our local service personnel

Marine Corps Pvt.
Kristina De La Cruz, whose
former guardian is Jennifer
De La Cruz of Oak Lawn,
Ill., recently completed 12
weeks of basic training at
Marine Corps Recruit Depot,
Parris Island, S. C designed

to challenge new Marine re-
cruits both physically and
mentally.

De La Cruz and fellow re-
cruits began their training at
5 a. m., by running three
miles and performing calis-
thenics. In addition to the

physical conditioning pro-
gram, De La Cruz spent nu-
merous hours in classroom
and field assignments which
included learning first aid,
uniform regulations, combat
water survival, marksmanship,
hand-to-hand combat
and assorted weapons training.
They performed close
order drill and operated as a
small infantry unit during
field training.

De La Cruz and other re-
cruits also received instruc-
tion on the Marine
Corps' core values—honor,
courage and commitment,
and what the words mean
in guiding personal and pro-
fessional conduct.

De La Cruz and fellow re-
cruits ended the training
phase with The Crucible, a
54-hour, team evolution cul-
minating in an emotional cer-
emony in which recruits are
presented the Marine Corps
Emblem, and addressed as
"Marines" for the first time
in their careers.

De La Cruz is a 2003
graduate of Kennedy High
School of Chicago.

Army Spec. Christopher
D. Mazurek has graduated
from basic combat training at
Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of
training, the soldier studied
the Army mission, history,

"Operation Phone Home"

Help Support Our
Chicagoland Troops Over-
seas

In remembering back
when our kids were young,
they'd fall: we'd pick them
up, brush them off and give
a few words of encourage-
ment. There is a constant fear

tradition and core values,
physical fitness, and received
instruction and practice in
basic combat skills, military
weapons, chemical warfare
and bayonet training, drill
and ceremony, marching,
rifle marksmanship, armed
and unarmed combat, map
reading, field tactics, military
courtesy, military justice sys-
tem, basic first aid, foot
marches, and field training
exercises.

Mazurek earned distinc-
tion as an honor graduate.
He is the son of Stan and
Kathleen Mazurek of S.
Homan Ave., Evergreen
Park.

The specialist received a
bachelor's degree in the year
2000 from Bradley Univer-
sity, Peoria.

that we live with day to day,
the thought that our loved
one could be a "FALLEN
SOLDIER". It is easy to for-
get that the soldiers are put-
ting their lives on hold, to
fight for the freedom that we
may, at times, take for
granted. It is difficult to
know our friends and loved
ones could be in harms way
when there is little for us to
do to help them.

I'm a proud mother of a
nineteen year old soldier in
The United States Army Re-
serve. Their unit has recently
been called to active duty
overseas to support "Opera-
tion Iraqi Freedom". The sol-
diers in her unit are com-
prised of our children, wives,
husbands, parents, and our
loved ones.

There is a desperate need,
from both sides, to keep in
touch. As you may know
telephonic communication
from the Middle East is quite
expensive, so I'm asking you
to help my daughter and her
"Battle Buddies", by donat-
ing a monetary contribution
to "Operation Phone Home".
This will enable the soldiers

to get the words of encour-
agement they need while
keeping the lines of commu-
nication open between them
and their families.

This organization was
started to benefit The
Chicagoland United States
Army Reserve. Funds allo-
cated are tailored to fit indi-
viduals either by calling
cards or direct account pay-
ment.

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address in the memo section
of your check and a soldier
from the unit can express
their appreciation accord-
ingly. They are gone from us
for now, but please don't let
them be forgotten. Any con-
tribution would be greatly
appreciated and can be sent
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Casey Farrel, First Lieutenant, USMC "Distinguished Graduate"

It is with great pride and
appreciation that the St.
Linus School Community
has named Casey Farrell,
first Lieutenant, United
States Marine Corps as Saint
Linus School's "Distin-
guished Graduate".

The "Distinguished Gradu-
ate Award" is a citation pre-
sented annually to an alum-
nus of St. Linus School who
has exceptionally demon-
strated exemplary personal
commitment and social re-
sponsibility in using their
God given abilities for the
understanding and the better-
ment of others.

Lieutenant Farrell was
chosen by the school's ad-
ministration and faculty as an
excellent representative of
many St. Linus graduates
who are serving our country
during this difficult time.

Casey Farrell was an ac-
tive student at St. Linus; af-
ter graduating in 1993, he
continued his education at
Marist High School and
Loras College. He then
joined the United States Ma-
rine Corps and has honorably
served with the military for
the last three and half years,
earning the rank of First
Lieutenant. Lieutenant
Farrell's duty has included

time in Iraq where he served
in the war as a combat engi-
neer. Presently, he is sta-
tioned at Fort Pendleton,
California, where he is train-
ing troops for duty in Iraq.

While in Iraw, Lieutenant
Farrell was very dedicated to
corresponding with Saint
Linus students. This past fall,
when he returned on leave,
he visited the school to thank
the students and to ask for
their continued prayers and
support of the troops. Lieut-
enant Farrell shared many of
his experiences with students
and taught them of the life,
culture and struggle of the
people of war torn Iraw. The
school community was quite
touched and gratified that he
not only accomplished a very
dangerous mission, but that
he also was very conscien-
tious and proactive in culti-
vating an understanding of
the conflict, another culture
and the need for prayer
within the Saint Linus Com-
munity.

Accepting the award on
his behalf at St. Linus Parish
Ceremony were Lt. Farrell's
parents Charlie and Elise
Farrell.

May God bless Lt. Farrell
and all he so honorably rep-
resents.

Village of Orland Park spring clean-up campaign

The Village of Orland Park Spring Clean-Up Campaign,
sponsored in cooperation with Waste Management of the
South Suburbs, will be held Friday, April 23rd from 7:30
a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, April 24th and 25th
from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dumpsters will be located at the
Public Works Facility, 15655 Ravinia Avenue (one block
west of LaGrange Road).

Dumpsters will be placed at the Public Works Facility
for residents' disposal of normal household garbage. All
disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster
and not along side the dumpster. Construction and other haz-
ardous materials, yard waste and automotive parts are pro-
hibited.

For more information, call the Public Works Department
at 708/403-6350.

Orland Farmer' Market Applications Now Accepted

This year's market will open on Friday, June 11th and con-
tinue every Friday through October 8th from 7:30 a.m. to 1
p.m. at the Village Complex, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.
The market is open rain or shine.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2004
season. The village welcomes producers of fresh fruits and
vegetables, jams, jellies, sauces, nuts, breads, pastries and
other gourmet foods, as well as cut flowers and potted plants.
Other items include soaps, jewelry, candles, garden stones,
kitchenware, sewn items and more.

Vendors may reserve a 20 x 20 space at \$125 for
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Experience Works searches for America's oldest worker & outstanding employer of older workers

Experience Works, the country's largest provider of mature-worker training and employment, has launched its annual search for "America's Oldest Worker." The honoree of the 2004 title will be announced during Experience Works Prime Time Awards week in Washington, D.C., October 5-9, 2004. America's Oldest Worker contest is part of Experience Works' national effort to raise awareness of the contributions made by older individuals and to break down barriers associated with the hiring of older workers.

"The Experience Works Prime Time Awards is a yearlong effort to honor mature workers as outstanding role models for a nation whose workforce is rapidly aging and whose businesses will soon face a shortage of skilled, reliable employees," says Experience Works Regional Director, Janice Bramwell.

Is America's Oldest Worker an Illinois Resident? To be considered as America's Oldest Worker, applicants must work a minimum of 20 hours a week in paid employment. Applicants or the person nominating them must complete an application and submit it prior to the deadline of April 30th. The older worker with the earliest birth date who meets the criteria will be honored as America's Oldest Worker. Workers may enter themselves or be nominated by an employer, family, or friends.

At a press conference held in September, Dr. Russell Clark, 102, real estate developer and retired physician, was named the 2003 America's Oldest Worker. Dr. Clark, who resides in Orem, Utah, spends his time managing an industrial park and other real estate investments, writing his life history, and volunteering when needed. All of the past America's Oldest Workers have been over 100 years old and working almost full time at their professions.

Outstanding Employer of Older Workers - Experience Works is also searching for outstanding employers of older workers who have model senior employment environments that recruit, train, and retain the older worker. Experience Works will recognize and honor selected companies during the Prime Time Awards October 5-9, 2004.

To access a nomination form for America's Oldest Worker and/or Outstanding Employer of Older Workers, and employer eligibility requirements, go to the Experience Works Web site at <http://www.experienceworks.org/>. To receive nomination forms by mail, call 1.800.368.7569.

Experience Works is a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965 as Green Thumb, and renamed Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico each year.

Contact: Marsha Boone, Experience Works 1.800.368.7569 or mailto:marsha_boone@experienceworks.org.

Managing your Social Security income

Five Common Mistakes That Can Shrink Your Check

Social Security beneficiaries received a 2.1 percent cost-of-living increase as of January 2004. The boost is up from 2003's increase of 1.4 percent, but still reflects an economy with low inflation according to the Wall Street Journal. Some might think their check will be enough to live on. Many don't know that for the average couple receiving benefits, the monthly check is just over \$1,500. Even more don't realize they could be making financial

mistakes that will shrink their check significantly.

On the topic of Social Security, most Americans are either concerned, confused or don't bother to think about it at all, according to Nancy Coutu, president of Money Managers Advisory.

"Among younger Americans, there is the casual assumption that Social Security is something they'll deal with far in the future," says Coutu, a Certified Senior Advisor. "Next, there are those Americans approaching retirement who believe Social Security will provide a steady, unassailable source of retirement income. Finally, there are seniors now receiving Social Security who are very concerned about their ever-shrinking Social Security income, and they have every right to be."

Social Security has undergone some major changes. Created by The Social Security Act of 1935, Social Security began making benefit payments around 1940. At that time, the U.S. Treasury ruled that these benefits payments were gifts that could not be taxed by the U.S. Government. In 1983, Congress changed the law and commenced taxing individual's Social Security benefits by up to 50 percent. In 1993, the law was changed again to tax benefits up to 85 percent.

"Under current tax laws, 85 percent of Social Security income is taxed when a specific amount, called 'threshold income' is exceeded," explains Coutu. "Many seniors planning to rely on Social Security income to live are surprised to find that their other investments, including pensions, CDs, savings accounts, bonds, money markets, mortgage income and others are all included as threshold income. If you aren't careful, those little investments can quickly add up to a sizeable — and totally unnecessary — increase in IRS taxes."

According to Coutu, there are five common mistakes people make that result in lower Social Security income. They are:

1. Making investment earnings reportable to the IRS.
2. Earning interest on investments incorrectly.
3. Making inefficient use of 401(k) and pension distributions.



Shown from the left are Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, Vice President, Kathleen Meany; Mr. O'Neill; and President Terrence J. O'Brien.

Michael O'Neil retires

Michael P. O'Neill, President of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council recently retired from that prestigious

position. Members of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District congratulate him on his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Rep. Biggert meets with children for JDRF's "Promise to Remember Me Campaign"

Representative Judy Biggert recently met with five children from her home district who have juvenile (type 1) diabetes, as part of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's new national "Promise to Remember Me Campaign." The children urged their legislator to "promise to

remember" them and others affected by the devastating disease when making federal funding decisions regarding medical research.

These children and their families talked about how the disease impacts their daily lives and urged the lawmaker to help them in the search for a cure by expanding federal funding for diabetes research.

JDRF's national "Promise

to Remember Me Campaign" puts a human face on the disease that affects millions of Americans, and seeks to secure commitments by Members of Congress to support federal policies that will speed a path to a cure.

For more information, visit the JDRF web site at www.jdrf.org or call 800-533-CURE.

(See page 4 for picture)

4. Putting required distributions in the wrong place.

5. Having discretionary income that is too high.

"There are ways to avoid each of these mistakes and a qualified financial planner should be able to show them to you," says Coutu. "For example, you can avoid a nasty threshold income tax event by simply modifying your investments. All types of earnings, dividends or interest are included in threshold income except one, the deferred annuity. Depending on the person's situation, that might be a way to preserve higher Social Security income."

According to some

experts, Social Security will be completely bankrupt within a decade. Others argue that Americans are putting money into a system that will end up paying them 75 percent less than the current benefit rate. Is it any wonder people are confused?

"Over-reliance on Social Security is risky," says Coutu. "The only real way to ensure you will have sufficient income to live out your 'golden years' is to plan for it. And when it comes to retirement planning, five or 10 years from now should not be viewed as the distant future."

Nancy Coutu is president

of Oak Brook-based Money Managers Advisory. Nancy is a Certified Financial Planner with nearly 25 years experience in the financial services profession. Her sound, conservative guidance and tax-saving strategies have helped numerous clients grow and protect their retirement assets.

For more information, write to Nancy Coutu, Money Managers Advisory, 1301 W. 22nd Street, #809, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Contact Nancy at (800) 990-7174. Securities offered through Waterstone Financial Group, member NASD-SIPC.

Check your feet at Little Company of Mary

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is offering a free foot screening on Wednesday, May 5 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Little Company podiatrists will conduct this screening. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

Senator Maloney and the American Cancer Society urge all women to get a mammogram

Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) wants to urge all women in Illinois 35 years of age and older to get a mammogram. On average, mammograms find about 75 percent of cancers, according to the American Cancer Society.

Six years after Medicare began paying for an annual mammogram for women over 40, only 51.8 percent of the eligible women over 50 had at least one mammogram in 2001 or 2002, according to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. That translates to about 7.6 million women nationwide. The numbers suggest older women may be misjudging the value of regular breast cancer screenings.

As of Jan. 1, 1990, Illinois law requires policies, contracts or certificates issued by health insurers to include coverage for screening mammographies in accordance with

American Cancer Society guidelines. Illinois law also requires Medicaid to cover mammography in accordance with these guidelines for eligible women 35 years of age and older. Low-income women who are uninsured or under insured may qualify for free mammography services through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

Senator Maloney urges women to schedule a mammography screening if they have not had one in the past year. "Because breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women, it is important that every woman over the age of 35 has a mammography test once every year," said Maloney. "Diagnosis of these types of cancer can be treated if they are caught early enough, and these tests are a simple way to save lives."

To find out more information please call the Women's Health- Line toll free at 1-888-522-1282.

Health insurance, improvements

By Alan Nadolna

The ugly world of health insurance has gotten a little less ugly. For those who face the need to purchase individual or family coverage, or those who purchase coverage for small businesses, this has been a disastrous five years. Premiums have been escalating at rates of 20 percent plus, and there are fewer competi-

tors for the business.

For nearly seven years, we have recommended medical savings accounts to our clients. These plans combine a high deductible health plan with a tax-deductible medical savings/reimbursement vehicle. In good years and bad, those who adopted these plans were well ahead of those owning traditional medical plans. We won't explain this in depth, because the rules have changed - for the better.

High deductible plans lower premium. In many cases, they lower premiums by as much as 50 percent. High deductible plans tend to have less claims activity, so renewals are more favorable. Now, congress has enacted legislation that enables a tax-deductible contribution to a health reimbursement account equal to 100 percent of the plan's deductible.

Here is a simple example. A family selects a \$5,000



Pictured from left to right: Jaclyn Costello, Jeremy Thompson, Bridget McGee, Representative Biggert, Kelsey Brown and Caitlin Gliwa.

Jaclyn Costello lives in Hinsdale, IL. Jeremy Thompson lives in Tinley Park, IL. Bridget McGee lives in Naperville, IL. Kelsey Brown lives in Burr Ridge, IL.

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Loyola chairman improving the lives of patients from Chicago to Peru

Dr. Juan Angelats is preparing for his next reconstructive surgery. This one will not be scheduled in Loyola's Maywood but rather in Peru. Despite his active schedule as chief of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Loyola University Health System, Angelats has found the time to travel to his native Peru for more than two decades to provide much needed medical care and surgical expertise free of charge to needy people in cities and rural areas.

"I have always felt the need to give back to my community and recognize the country that gave me the opportunity to be a doctor," Angelats said. Services and surgical procedures offered at these medical missions vary depending on the medical team traveling and their specialties. "Our most precious volunteers are nurses and anesthesiologists who are difficult to come by, in addition to pharmacists, optometrists, therapists, translators and non medical personnel who also play a significant role in organizing and coordinating the entire mission," Angelats added.

Typically, these procedures include reconstruction of burn victims, repair of congenital defects such as cleft lips and palates, which is prevalent in the Andean region, head and neck surgery, including thyroid tumors, orthopedic surgery, obstetrics and gynecology and general surgery. A cleft is a gap in the upper lip or palate (roof of the mouth). A cleft can be caused by genes or environmental factors. Grafting is the process of removing skin from a healthy area of the body, or from a cadaver, and placing it where needed.

It is fairly common to find in these rural areas a young adult in his 30s with an unrepaired cleft lip. What is amazing, Angelats said, is the ability that we have as plastic surgeons to change someone's life in 45 minutes, which is the duration of the cleft lip surgery, and, consequently, bring a smile.

"My goal for these medical missions is to always provide the same level of medical expertise that we provide at Loyola while highlighting the importance and contributions of volunteerism," Angelats said. "We are the best ambassadors that this wonderful country has," he said.

Medical care in rural areas in Peru is provided on an emergency basis. People undergoing surgery, for example, need to partially cover the costs of hospitalization in addition to bringing their IV fluids, sutures and medications. Their names are then written on a waiting list until a local surgeon is able to donate his or her services.

Angelats and his staff collect medicines and equipment throughout the year to help patients with some of these expenses. "My garage is full of boxes waiting to go to Peru," Angelats said. In fact, Angelats vividly remembers when, just recently, one of his patient's daughter told him that she wanted to donate her mother's medications to the medical

missions after her mother passed away.

For the last decade, Loyola residents also have been a part of these medical missions. They get to witness the medical challenges that people in these communities face, and, more importantly, they have the opportunity to make a difference. "This opportunity enriches residents because they feel they are actively contributing to the quality of life of patients beyond our immediate community, which is consistent with Loyola's mission," Angelats added. More than 40 medical missions have been completed in the last two decades by PAMS (Peruvian American Medical Society), a U.S. organization of Peruvian physicians to which Angelats belongs. Last year, Angelats' group provided medical care to 3,000 patients in one week, with 138 surgeries being performed. Follow-up visits are provided to patients by the local hospitals that participate in the medical missions at no additional cost. The next medical mission is scheduled for May 28 to visit Cusco, located in the south central part of Peru.

Angelats, a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon, has served in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Loyola since 1976.

Guillain Barre Awareness Day approaches

It's time for our spring meeting for Guillain Barre Awareness Day. Please join us on Saturday, May 8th, at 1:30 p.m. Our meeting will be back at the Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, 367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Tom Petersen, WGN Radio (720) news Director, (and GBS survivor) will be our commentator for the afternoon. We are also planning to have a physical therapist speak to our group.

The Presbyterian Church is located on the Southeast corner of St. Charles Rd and Spring Road. It is 1 mile west of I-294 and 1 mile east of Route 83. There is plenty of parking and the handicap ramp is located at the back of the church and faces St. Charles Road. Pat and Char will be hosting our meeting and as usual, refreshments will be provided.

For our fundraising activity, we have several items such as sweatshirts, stationery, GBS bears, beanie animals, cookbooks, Tom's wonderful tape on GBS and t-shirts for sale.

Please contact Pat at "Patsyl718@aol.com" or Char at 630-279-8122 to confirm your attendance. If you need additional directions, please let us know before the day of our meeting.

As usual, bring your questions and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 8th.

Medical Info



Advocate Christ Medical Center hosts "Living with Grief" teleconference

On Wednesday, April 28, from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Advocate Christ Medical Center,

4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, will serve as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America's 11th annual bereavement teleconference, "Living with Grief: Alzheimer's Disease." This live-via-satellite broadcast will cover the following topics: medical understandings regarding the diagnosis, progress and treatment of Alzheimer's; particular grief issues that patients and families face during the course of this illness; challenges facing policy advocates; and dementias other than Alzheimer's.

Reaching an estimated live audience of 125,000 people nationwide, the teleconference will benefit a wide range of professionals as they support their communities and help people cope with Alzheimer's Disease. Cokie Roberts, ABC News correspondent, will moderate this event.

Following the program, a panel of professionals from the medical center and community will answer questions from the audience. The cost of the program is \$15 payable to Advocate Health Care. Credit cards are accepted, but only when pre-registered by phone. Cash or checks will be accepted at the door on the day of the event.

Continuing education credits are available for this program. There is a \$25 fee for attendees seeking CEUs. Lunch, Teleconference Companion Book and materials will be provided during the teleconference. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.

To register or for more information, call Advocate Christ Medical Center's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622. Local sponsors for the teleconference are Advocate Health Care, Advocate Christ Medical Center, Advocate Congregational Health Partnerships and Advocate Hospice.

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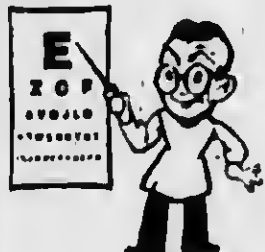
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Green Hills Library holds programming

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Art display

The artwork of Oak Lawn Resident Herb Forman is on display at the Green Hills Public Library throughout the month of April. The artwork of Stagg High School students will all be on display. The next time you are picking out a movie or a book, take a look at these collections. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Panel discussion

Green Hills Public Library is hosting a panel discussion, Art as a Critique of Society, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. This is in conjunction with the traveling exhibit "Frankenstein - Penetrating the Secrets of Nature" on display at Moraine Valley Community College. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.



Join the Bowl-a-thon

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Presents its Annual Strike Out Crohn's & Colitis Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, April 24, at Arlington Heights: Arlington Lanes, and at Tinley Park: Centennial Lanes; and on Saturday, May 1 at Chicago: Marigold Bowl.

There is a \$10.00 Registration Fee Per Person

For further information please call 800-886-6664.

1-2-3 Magic

Who's in charge at your house? The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy presents Thomas W. Phelan, Ph.D and 1-2-3 Magic! Effective discipline for children 2-12 on Thursday, April 22 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Dr. Phelan is an internationally renowned expert and lecturer on child discipline and Attention Deficit Disorder. Learn how to discipline without arguing, yelling, or spanking; how to encourage good behavior, and how to resolve problems like messing rooms, lying, procrastination and more. Reservations are required. Call 708 / 422-8522.



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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for April 20th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology), & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi")...go to TheDailyPsychic.Com and you can also visit JackiMari.Com & Sherlockjacki.com (currently contains a Profile as we do it on the BTK Case recently in the news!)

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You could be considering taking up some kind of study to enhance your capability to make more money. Do it! F and S involved.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Money is an issue that must be dealt with. This can involve another person who may not be paying their fair share. H aids.

Numi says: If you'll admit it you love the finer things in life. There is no shame in being rich!

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: When it comes to putting the "foot down firmly" you know when and you know how to do it. Do it! M and C involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You could decide to travel soon, so, look to details. Your unnecessary "delays" can be difficult to deal with. H and/or R help.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Something very unusual is about to happen that will convince you of a higher power working in your life. J aids. Ask.

Numi says: Wonderful things are in store for you and your family. Be happy.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Things are piling up on you and time spent is as important as the money involved. If this balances, stay with it. K helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You need to put the finishing touches on things you have already started. Someone is noting your actions. B or P help.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: This is a wonderful week. You get good news and a lot of help from people when you need it most. B or A can aid.

Numi says: Experts come to your aid, both mentally and physically. Money finds you too.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: The week starts out blah and ends up with a loud Yah! Happy you! Money comes and invitations to parties. T and J help.

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My Psychic Observations & Insights: It Wasn't Me!

There are many people who do not or cannot identify with themselves and/or their actions. They behave like MPD's (multiple personality disordered) individuals. Recently cases of such mental illness are showing up in everyday problems and in people who are living in ordinary families but have no idea that they may be housing more than one personality. Ask the offender and they may reply, "it wasn't me." If they truly are an MPD they would not know which personality did what, when, why, with whom, or where it happened. Moreover, they often become offended or even jealous when they learn that there is more to them than they consciously realize. Some people (when involved in a crime) may use the MPD affliction as an excuse only to be found out later that they were in truth just acting. Some people, even terrorists, say "God" told them to strap bombs on their kids and kill people. They commit their deliberate acts of murder because of their thirst for blood, not because they are MPD's, or that God was ever involved!

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Gather tulips and daffodils - Snap the stem at the plant's base. Never cut blooms with scissors or a knife; it will make the plant susceptible to disease, and bouquets unable to absorb as much water.

Emphasize your plants - Paint garages, sheds, or utility features natural beige, gray, or light green to help them blend into the landscape.

Ensure that your sunflower seeds set - If you see birds scratching around newly planted sunflower seeds, put netting over the area until the plants germinate.

Remove proof of perspiration - Sweat stains on clothing and hats can be removed by soaking the item for 30 minutes in a paste of cream of tartar, crushed aspirins, and warm water.

Keep furry pests at bay - If you have a problem with rabbits or mice nibbling at your plants (and hard work!), spread some ferret waste or "zoo doo" around your garden.

Ditch the garden gnome -

If you're tired of the traditional gnome or barnyard animal, try a frog instead. These statues have become the "must-have" garden accessory and are hopping off store shelves.

Clean the green out of your thumb - If evidence of garden toil shows on your hands or under fingernails, scrub with sea salt and warm water to get them squeaky clean.

Harvest lots of lettuce - To ensure that new lettuce seedlings thrive, keep the ground evenly moist by watering lightly up to twice a day.

Keep cut flowers fresh - To help blooms stay fresher longer, add some lemon-lime soda (not diet) to the water of bouquets.

Produce top tomatoes -

Don't overfeed tomatoes. They love fertilizer, but if they get too much you'll be left with a very leafy plant with no fruit.

Create a 'Starry Night' garden - A new variety of the elegant and easy-to-grow gladiolus, 'Starry Night', offers deep violet tinged with bright-white star markings.

Have roses at the ready - Try containers, which enable you to introduce color anywhere. Growing roses in pots also allows you to try out a few varieties in different parts of your property before you invest in a full bed.

These tips and many more are in the Summer 2004 Gardener's Companion's wealth of articles that

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Community Events

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy Ave., invites children in grades 4-6 with an adult to join us for a lively book discussion on Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 pm. Copies of the book, "Love That Dog", written by Sharon Creech are available for pickup now in the Children's Department. Register (422-8522)

The EP Library invites you to drop in anytime on Saturday, May 8th to make a special gift and card for mom (or another special woman).

You are invited to the EP Library on Saturday, May 22nd at 10:30 when Erin from Nature's Creatures will present a fun-filled animal show. Children and adults will enjoy this special presentation, which will be both fun and educational.

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95th St., will hold a Card & Bunco Party on Friday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$4. There will be raffles and prizes, and refreshments

will be served. For more information, please contact Grace at 423-6378.

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry's annual scholarship applications are now available. Application deadline is April 30th. To attain a copy of the application or for more information, call the Chamber office at 708 / 598-1700.

Tickets are still available for a Friends of the Oak Lawn Library day trip to ethnic grocery stores and bakeries on Chicago's north side Monday, May 17.

Explore new flavors and experience multicultural cuisine on this informative tour with stops in the following neighborhoods: Argyle for Vietnamese and Chinese selections; Andersonville for a Swedish bakery and lunch at Reza's Restaurant, where the menu is Persian and Mediterranean; and the Devon Street area for the foods of India.

The tour will be led by a docent who is a member of the Chicago Culinary Historians. The cost of this trip,

which includes motorcoach transportation and lunch, is \$32 for Friends members and \$37 for others. The bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible. To purchase tickets, call Donna Beckett, 815-439-0075.

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will sponsor a Spring Food Drive Friday, April 30 through Friday, May 14. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food and paper products at collection barrels in the library's lobby. Donations will go to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will hold their last discussion group meetings of the season during the month of May at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. The short story discussion group will meet Wednesday, May 12 to discuss "A Final Report" by William Maxwell. Copies are available at the Fiction Desk. The novel discussion group will meet Wednesday, May 26 to discuss "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara

Ehrenreich. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, 708-422-4933.

You know Spring has arrived when Oak Lawn's Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Spring Rummage Sale. This year the sale will be held Tues., April 27th from 7-9:00 pm, and Wed., April 28th, from 9 am to 6:00 pm. bag Day will be Thurs., April 29th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Everything that can be stuffed in a brown paper grocery bag can be purchased for only \$2.

Bargains available include clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture, and much much more. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 9701 S. Brandt Ave., (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) in Oak Lawn.

Oak Lawn Com.High School is offering sessions of computer classes for senior citizens. They are: Tuesday, April 27, 5-7 pm, Introduction to Microsoft Word, and Wednesday, May 5, 5-7 pm, Introduction to Internet Explorer and E-mail.

The cost for each session is \$15. Inquiries can be directed to (708) 741-5614.

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Thursday, April 22. The speaker will be Father Robert Rohrich and he will speak on "Holiness is Wholeness, Bettering Self Esteem). Doors will open at 7 pm and the meeting will start at 8 pm. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center located at 7450 W. 83rd Str., Bridgeview. For more info, call Tom and Marianne at (708) 499-5377.

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Commissioner Cynthia Santos

Santos to be honored

Commissioner Cynthia Santos with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored at a party on Monday April 26.

Commissioner Santos is the wife of Richard Bradley, Illinois State Representative, 40th District.

Joffrey Ballet performs at GSU

In the spring season at Governors State University artist series the Joffrey Ballet world famed company performed at the Center for the Performing Arts Center. The members of the Company work out at the GSU facilities, which brought about the marriage between the two organizations. The Chicago Community Foundation, the St James Hospital and Health Care Centers and the Illinois Arts Council sponsored the April 17th performance.

Four works were presented on this spring program including Pas Des Deesses (absolutely superb). The Monotones II had been presented in the Aston centennial at the Auditorium in Chicago and it was delightful to see it again. The last two selections were Confetti and Light Rain. Both showed the delicacy of the female dancers and the absolutely secular superb form of the male dancers with their leaps and jumps. Stacy Keller, Suzanne Lopez and Michael Levine in the Pas Des Deesses gave stand out performances.

In the Light Rain Valerie Robin and Sam Franke did stellar dancing.

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Tinley Tomes

The Tinley Park Public Library adult book discussion group will meet Wednesday, May 12 at 1:30 pm to discuss Talk Before Sleep by Elizabeth Berg and Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 pm to discuss Days of Babel by Carolyn Parkhurst. Books are available at the reference desk one month prior to discussion. Audio and large print versions available upon request. Phone 532-0160 ext. 2 for info. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

YAC Meeting

The Tinley Park Public Library youth advisory council will hold a meeting Wednesday, April 21 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. A game session will follow the meeting. Current members are asked to phone 532-0160 x 125 one-day prior to register. Pizza and pop will be served. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Café Ole

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 through 12 to visit the café

with their friends for a cup of java Wednesday, April 21 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. No registration required. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Library Offers Speakers Bureau Service

Clubs and organizations who need speakers and speakers who wish to make themselves available to such groups can get connected through the Oak Lawn Public Library Speakers Bureau Service.

The library maintains a list of speakers offering a wide variety of topics for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. This list is also available at their web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/speaker.htm). The library does not act as an agent for any of the speakers, who may or may not charge a fee. All speaking arrangements and financial agreements must be made between the speaker and the hiring group. Speakers are added to the list as they are submitted.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity

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MISSING THE DIAPER BRIGADE

Oh! the joy of being in the company of children, made all the more endearing when providing childcare for working parents.

Last year, when Bill and I decided to knock down our home of 23 years and build a new one in its place, we did so with the idea of including a daycare area where I could take care of toddlers in a family style atmosphere. 'Kathy's Kids At Play' became a vision where my home based business would allow children to grow in friendships and fun.

Throughout the construction Bill and I watched, with wonder, as our dream took shape and we knew in our hearts that, in more ways than one, we were building on our blessings.

No sooner had the house been completed when the littlest of blessings began christening my in-home daycare.

Every morning, starting at about 7am, I'm at the door, ready to greet the diaper brigade who share their days with me. Though we've been in our house less than a year, a lot has happened.

Two months after settling in, an emergency surgery put me out

of commission for 8 weeks. The brand new play room sat empty— toys just sat on shelves waiting to be shared, while stuffed animals patiently waited to be hugged. Then, finally, it was back to the business of enjoying the pitter patter of my pre-school pals.

Getting into the act of Romper Room antics is contagious when other members of the family get involved - such as Bill's adventure this past Easter season. I could say he has become the Jack (rabbit) of all trades since he successfully pulled off playing the Easter bunny for some ecstatic, wide-eyed believers

Peter Cottontail had to make an earlier than usual visit since I, once again, needed to return to the hospital for another surgery, more than a week before Easter.

The kids and I had our early Easter party, making bunny cakes and decorating them with jelly bean eyes and licorice whiskers. It was when we were covered in buttercream frosting that the mystery guest made his grand entrance.

In hopped my hubby, in Easter bunny drag, carrying a basketful of stuffed bunnies for a group of giddy

kids. The absolute look of awe on their innocent faces is just one of the rewards that I've received as a childcare provider.

It will be another few weeks of recuperation before this old girl will be on her feet again. Like it or not I've got no choice but to take it one day at a time.

The healing has been helped along by the well wishes of those tiny tots who call to say they miss me. It's true that absence makes the heart grow fonder. I'm reminded of this while lying in bed while listening to the silence of a too quiet house.

I look forward to the days of dealing with the diaper brigade, where the chatter of children's imagination brings a bit of magic to every day.

It's where a grateful caregiver spends some quality time in the whimsical world of pre-school play.

Soon, the angels of my heart will come rushing through the door once more, but not before I have a chance to truly miss them. And I do miss them. Alexandra, Alexis, Kristen, Maggie, Katie, Alexa and David. They are the care bears who spread sunshine and laughter while spending time in my daycare



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How to pay less money in your taxes and how to use it

This Way to Wealth

By David Hennings

Springtime has finally arrived, which means old man winter is gone. But it also is tax time, causing people to run around to get their taxes prepared.

If you are preparing your taxes now, there are a few items that might help lower your income tax liability at the last minute this year or for next year.

1. Keep a record of any charitable contributions you made throughout the year. This would include all gifts made to charities such as The Salvation Army or Vietnam Veterans. If you give to these types of organizations, be sure you keep an itemized list of the items you gave and a tax receipt for your records.

2. Depending on your income and filing status, you may be able to contribute to a tax deductible IRA. If you have a retirement plan where you work, be sure you are contributing to that plan. For every dollar that you contribute to a retirement plan, you are able to decrease your taxes by your marginal tax rate. For instance, if you are in the 25 percent tax bracket, and contribute \$3,000 into a retirement plan, you save \$750 in taxes.

3. If you travel in your job, be sure to keep a log of your miles. You are able to deduct 36 cents a mile for business travel. For instance, if you traveled 8,000 miles last year for your job, you are able to deduct \$2,880 from your income.

4. If you own a house or condominium, be sure to keep the interest and property taxes you paid. These expenses are fully deductible. You are also able to deduct the interest you pay on a home equity loan.

Hopefully after you have completed your taxes you will receive a refund from the government. This is usually money most people don't expect to have and they spend it on something they have been wanting for a while. Another way to view this new money is a contribution from the government for your future income needs.

As most people are aware, the Social Security system

Americans rely upon in retirement could be in jeopardy in the future. In order to save the system it is pretty evident that many changes are going to have to be made which will definitely mean lower benefits for all Americans. This makes it imperative that people save additional money for retirement.

The average tax refund this year is approximately \$2,000. If an individual saved this money every year for 20 years, and was able to earn 10 percent, you would accumulate \$126,005. Obviously this money would help in retirement.

If you are going to save money, it is very important that you choose an investment that is consistent with your investment needs and comfort level. If you would like to receive a free report on some of the best performing mutual funds, please call my office at 888-621-4916, or write to me at 1011 Lake Street, Ste 204, Oak Park, IL 60301.

Living the American dream

By: Rudi Hancock

Looking for the first house is an exciting time. Buying a home for the first time is a form of independence and freedom. With all the glories there are to homeownership there are concerns as well.

The question may arise, are you financially stable to buy a home? Not every one who is showing a house or selling one will be honest with you about the house and the price. First homebuyers often have to worry about the down payment for the house in which the parents usually help out with. With the times and the way the economy is now interest rates are relatively low, so it is considered the perfect time to buy a house.

Some consumers who are interested in a buying a home are in debt or have just gotten out of debt. Before thinking about buying the house concentrate on paying off the debt. Credit cards are a powerful instrument that can get people in trouble quickly. Start to pay off the smallest

amount of the debt first while paying on the other payments. When that portion is paid people feel that they are making progress and they are.

Consumers also can pay on debts with the highest interest rates. Interest rates are deadly; by letting those debts go for a long period of time will cost a lot more money than the original debt was. Paying it off first can save consumers a lot of money in the long run.

Bankruptcy is no longer a problem for consumers who wish to own a home. The time period is up to two years with bankruptcy in which consumers can be eligible for mortgage. Down payments are low and with down payment assistant programs mortgage can be obtained with \$0 down. With bad credit or filling bankruptcy buying a home is no problem.

First time home buyers, especially low income families stand to benefit from The American Dream Down Payment Act, which President Bush signed in mid December. This act helps people with the down payments and closing costs of the house, so some parents can put the wallet back down in their pockets.

To ensure the transaction of buying the home goes smoothly the services of an attorney are needed. Not everyone is going to tell you the truth or help you read the fine print when buying a house. The attorney is there as an impartial source, they stand to lose nothing either way you decide about the house. The lawyer can aid in reviewing and negotiating the most important thing in buying the home, the contract that will be binding and can take action if documents have been tampered with. The attorney can suggest changes in the fine print, which realtors think no one reads, and give advice regarding rights. The lawyer explains property taxes and the amount of the purchase that will be tax deductible from the house.

If repairs are needed to the home the lawyer can negotiate with the seller when the repairs should be done. It is important that the new homebuyer attend the inspection to see for just what is wrong with the house.

Obtaining the American dream can be accomplished by anyone. A lot of people have had bad credit or been through bankruptcy and realtors understand this and can help with getting back on

track. Buyer the first house is an important time in young adults lives and it should be handled with care and caution. Home ownership is a big step and needs to be reviewed properly before jumping into it. Buying the

first home is a magical experience and can be liberating if done properly. There are dishonest people out there but there are also honest people that can distinguish the dishonest for you when buying a house.

Series HH savings bonds to be discontinued in August

But Investors Have Many Options, Including Holding On To Them

The U.S. Treasury Department has announced it will stop issuing Series HH savings bonds this summer as part of its plan to eventually move to a paperless, electronic account system encompassing all of Treasury's retail securities.

After the close of business on August 31, owners of Series EE and E bonds will no longer be able to exchange them for HH bonds, and owners of matured HH/H bonds will no longer be able to reinvest their holdings in HH bonds. However, investors holding HH bonds on that date will continue to earn interest until their bonds reach final maturity 20 years after issue.

Issued since 1980, HH bonds - which are available in multiples of \$500 - are current income securities. They provide owners of EE/E bonds with a means to defer reporting the accrued interest on those bonds for Federal income tax purposes, while earning interest income semiannually on both the principal and interest of the E/EE bonds. Income taxes on the deferred income become due when HH bonds are redeemed or reach maturity.

HH bonds pay interest income to owners semiannually on their face value. This interest is taxable in the year received. They cannot be purchased with cash, but are acquired only in exchange for Series E and EE bonds or by reinvesting the proceeds of matured HH/H bonds.

With the end of new Series HH issues just a few months away, there are several things to consider. First, there is no effect on HH bonds issued before August 31, 2004. Investors can hold onto these bonds, which will continue to earn interest until the end of their 20-year life.

As for investors who had planned to defer taxes by purchasing HH bonds when their E/EE bonds matured, they have only a limited time to make an exchange.

Owners of E/EE bonds who want to purchase HH bonds before the August deadline should fill out an exchange application and submit it with the bonds being exchanged to a qualified savings bonds agent. Financial institutions that serve as agents are able to help customers fill out the application

form and forward appropriate materials to a Federal Reserve processing site or the Bureau of the Public Debt.

After August 31, when the last HH bonds will be issued, investors can still opt for I and EE bonds. I bonds currently pay an interest rate of 2.19 percent, composed of a fixed rate of 1.1 percent for 30 years and an inflation rate that's adjusted semiannually.

EE bonds, which are guaranteed to reach face value in 20 years and earn interest for a total of 30 years, earn interest tied to 90 percent of the average return on five-year Treasury marketable securities.

U.S. securities can be compared online at www.treasurydirect.gov, where investors can open an account to buy savings bonds directly over the Internet. Investors can track and manage their holdings online - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - from anywhere they have Internet access. There are no charges or fees, and you can buy paperless bonds in penny increments ranging from \$25 to \$30,000 each year.

The site is ideal for small savers and investors because you don't need to have \$1,000 or \$5,000 or an even larger amount to use the site.

Whichever bonds you chose, they remain among the safest, most secure and affordable investment opportunities available, and they offer attractive interest rates and tax advantages.

More information about savings bonds and exchange transactions can be found on the U.S. Treasury's website, www.treasurydirect.gov.

Putting the Fun Back in Refund

Eight Ways Your Check from the IRS Can Change Your Life

Most people can't remember how they spent their tax refund last year, but with the average refund being around \$2,000 your refund can be put to good use with long lasting positive effects. From a sound investment to a sound nights sleep, the May/June issue of AARP The Magazine suggests 8 simple ways to put this year's check to good use:

* Make A Sound Investment

Piano prices become very competitive this time of year and they tend to hold their value over the years. Start taking piano lessons and the

benefit to your mind and spirit can be immeasurable.

* Put Down Roots

Add some pizzazz to your garden this year by planting a tree. The newest trend: a superfast-growing red or silver maple tree genetically engineered to grow 30 feet wide in 5 years.

* Show Some Latitude

Start your art collection now with an antique hand-painted map of the U.S. It's not only beautiful, but also a great investment; maps can be fairly inexpensive to buy (starting at \$100) but are appreciating like gangbusters.

* Deco Your Halls

Art deco is coming back and at a high price, but if you are willing to hunt through flea markets and estate sales you can find everything you

want at a fraction of the price.

* Hire A Muscle Mentor

Anyone can want a better body, but by hiring a personal trainer you commit to it. A personal trainer will provide you not only with an effective exercise regiment, but also the motivation to stick to it as well.

* Bring Home A Best Friend

A puppy's floppy ears and oversized paws won't just tug at your heartstrings. A pooch can provide companionship and encourage you to exercise too.

* Sleep Like A Baby

A well-made mattress can vastly improve your sleep quality and, in turn, your mood, alertness, general health, and longevity. Look for mattresses with reinforced sides and a high level of sturdiness.



Food to warm
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Recipe has Native American taste



Chef Sandy Garcia

Red Chile Posole comes to Village View readers from the Sheraton Wild Horse Resort and Spa set on 372,000 acres on The Gila River Indian Reservation.

Chef Sandy Garcia holds court in the famous Kai Restaurant located in the resort. He is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York and is an active member of the San Juan Pueblo Tribe of New Mexico. He was singled out as the executive chef for "Discover Navajo" at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

He suggests this Red Chile Posole as a hearty one-dish meal for cooler spring weather.

Posole is the Spanish word for hominy which comes canned or dried. The recipe goes like this.

- 1 cup dried white posole or hominy
- 1 cup dried red posole
- 2 pounds boneless pork shoulder diced
- 4 cloves garlic
- 5 medium Ancho chiles, steamed and seeded
- 1 quart pork broth from roast
- 1 cup diced carrots and celery and onion
- 1 tbs oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 limes
- 2 cups thinly shredded cabbage

Cook separately white and red posole (hominy) for about 4 hours until corn is popped and soft. Cook separate because they differ in size. Steam onions. Add diced pork and cook til brown. Add enough water to cover. Add garlic and dried chiles, salt and pepper. Simmer about 2 1/2 hours. Strain. In medium pan steam remaining vegetables. Add to cooked and drained posole or hominy, pork, broth and oregano. Place in large bowl and garnish with shredded cabbage and slice of lime. Makes about 4 servings.

Mexican Beef hits home with tangy orange flavor

- 1 four pound pot roast of beef
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tbs vegetable oil
- 2 celery ribs, diced
- 2 onions diced
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 2 cups orange juice
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme, ground coriander, cinnamon,
- 1/8 tsp. ground cloves
- 1 sliced orange



Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Sprinkle meat with salt and pepper. Heat oil in Dutch oven. Brown meat on all sides. Remove from pan. Set aside. Sauté celery and onions in pan until golden; return meat to pan. Add broth, orange juice, garlic, thyme, coriander cinnamon and cloves. Cover. Simmer on top of stove or bake in 350 oven 3 hours or until fork tender. Turn meat occasionally as it cooks. Remove from broth; slice into 1/4-inch slices. Arrange on shallow platter. Skim fat from broth. Strain broth over meat. Garnish with orange slices. Yields 6 servings.

The above recipe is derived from the Florida Citrus Cookbook sponsored by Valencia oranges and Floridagold.

What the heck is in that low-carb chocolate bar?

Health Author Dr. Udo Erasmus Trains his X-Ray Vision on Low Carb Foods and Reveals the Not-Very Tasty Truth.

Beer. Tortillas. Pizza. Brownies. Bread. Ice cream. These are just a few of the thousands of products with new low-carb versions that Americans are gobbling up to the tune of ten billion dollars a year. But though it may satisfy your hunger fix, Dr. Udo Erasmus, developer of the "Right Fat Carb-Conscious Diet", warns that danger lurks in that low-carb chocolate crunch bar. With obesity soon to become America's No. 1 killer per USA Today March 10 edition - Dr. Erasmus' information becomes of immediate, vital importance.

Dr. Udo Erasmus, PhD Nutrition, is the Author of the best selling "Fats That Heal, Fats That Kill" and an interna-

tionally known authority on healthy living. His book "Choosing The Right Fats" is a handy guide to eating wherever your dining takes you. For more information on lifesaving eating, go to www.rightfatdiet.com - or call: 800-446-2110.

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Senior Breakfast Club

Area seniors are invited to attend a free presentation from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the third Friday of the month at Fifth Third Bank located at 95th and Utica Ave. in Evergreen Park. This program is part of a monthly series of free talks by the Senior Advocate department. Registration is necessary.

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On April 23rd, Friday, come to the Magic Masters' Banquet at 6:30 P.M.

Prepare to be amazed and entertained at the Magic Masters' Banquet. Magicians, good food, and drinks await. Meet at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th Street, Hickory Hills at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails and table magic. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. The stage show is after dinner. Tickets are \$25.00. For info and to register as there are 2 or 3 tickets left, call Bob at 312-401-8614.

April 24th, Saturday, at 115 Bourbon Street, at 6:00 P.M. a group will meet and dine.

Too late to go to the Magic Master's Banquet? Don't despair. We can conjure up a dining and social experience to remember at Bourbon Street on 3359 W. 115th Street. Meet there at 6:30 P.M. or meet at St. Mary's south parking lot at 6:00 P.M. For details, call John at 773-585-8242, or Mark at 773-485-3112.

Oak Lawn's quilt artisan exhibits at the Thompson Center

During the month of April, Mickey Depre a quilt artisan will be exhibited at the Illinois Artisan Shop at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 2-200, Chicago. Depre uses traditional quilting techniques along with bold machine applique and threadwork. She mixes her own colored hand dyed cottons with commercial cotton to add sparks and depth. The exhibit features her award-winning quilt that is a mixture of bold geometric and plant shapes set against a black background.

Depre has shown her work in a number of exhibits and festivals including in Milwaukee, Williamsburg and Vermont. Her work will be available for purchase at the Artisan Shop in April.

Local artists are in finals of the Colgate County Showdown

WLS-TV will air the finals of the Colgate County Showdown. Three of the six finalists are local musicians. Roger Milinowski originally from Chicago, now relocated to Los Angeles, is a four-time Grammy nominee. He is a pianist, singer and musical director for showmanship and versatility. His work includes varied styles as country, rock, pop, blues, polka, jazz and heavy metal.

The Harris Family Band is from Springfield IL. There are five brothers and a sister. This year they won their local at WVIL in Jacksonville IL, the state at the TriStates Rodeo in Fort. Madison IA and the North Central Regional in Hope IN.

Brianna Sky an 18-year-old young woman began singing at the age of five and has been performing ever since. She hales from Poplar Grove, IL. She has performed in more than 70 shows. She won the WMIL competition in Milwaukee and the Midwest Regional in Flandreau S.D.



Pictured left to right, Phillip Pileggi, President, with the recipients, and center; Joseph Lew Frigoletti, 2004 man of the year and his wife Laura Frigoletti, centered in the second row is Pat Grieco, past president and past man of the year.

National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame announces scholarship recipients

The N.I.A.S.H.F. Chicago-land Chapter is proud to account the following 2004 scholarship winners. The following recipients have been awarded a \$1500 to help with college tuition. Daniel David Campione attend St. Rita and is involved in sports as well as school work. He is a member of the National Honor society and will enter the University of Monmouth in the fall and work toward his degree in Biological Science.

Julia Brittany Crowell comes from Regina Dominican High School where she is an A honor roll student. Her destination is for the University of Chicago and major in Pre-Med.

Catherine Marie Dalcamo is a graduate of Maria High School and is a journalism major. She is currently a reporter, sports co-editor and editor in chief of the school newspaper. Catherine is delighted to be accepted at Columbia College in Chicago to continue her pursuit for a degree in Journalism.

David Laz Dineff is highly recommended from St. Rita High School because of his scholastic achievement and competitive spirit. Dave is active in the work of the student recruitment committee and he is listed in the Who's Who among high school students. He will be attending Eastern Illinois University and major in law.

Jaquelyn currently attends Moraine Valley Community College and was a early graduate of Stagg High School. Jackie is an honor

roll student and will be attending Columbia University in Chicago.

Krysten Marie Grieco comes from Willowbrook High School in Villa Park. She was inducted in the national math honor society. Krysten has been a girl scout since 2nd grade and continues to be active as a leader. She volunteers at the Brookfield Zoo's youth volunteer corp and Club Shedd's marine biology program. Participation in these organizations have inspired her to become a Veterinarian and this fall she will begin her first year in Champaign-Urbana at the University of Illinois. She will begin to study for a degree in Pre-Vet.

Michael David Minick attends Argo High School in Summit. He is a motivated student and a consistent hard worker. Michael is a member of Argo's varsity athletics. He also enjoys the theater and has performed in three productions. His ambition for the future is to own and operate his own hotel and restaurant and to pursue a theatre background.

Alexandra Natasha Vinci is graduating from Providence High School and is still looking at University of Eastern or Lewis University Where she is interested in seeking a degree in business and management.

Samantha Jeanne Yozze is a graduate of Lemont High School and ranks in the top 10% of her class. All through high school Samantha has taken honor classes. She participates in cross country and

soccer at school and is taking piano and singing lesson as a extracurricular activity. She teaches high school french and intends to go to the University of Augustana to major in French and secondary education.

Erin Therese Zorek attend Stagg High School and is in the top 10% of her class. Erin is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, yearbook and as a foreign language and math tutor. Science has always been of interest to her so at Butler University she will concentrate her efforts for a degree in Pharmaceutical sciences.

The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Chicagoland Chapter continues to give scholarships and donations to Sertoma, the Garden School for the Handicap, Misericordia, Hope Children's Hospital with the help of their generous members. Since September of 1981, when the Chapter was founded the Italian men and women in

this organization have sponsored many fund raising functions to enable many to benefit even in today's economy. For more information, contact the golf outing chairman Len DeGrado at 708-599-0001. This is one of the fund raisers of the year. The golf outing is May 21 at 12:00 noon, call soon for tee off time.

Avila to Address Retirees

Commissioner Frank Avila with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will speak before the American/National Can Retirees, Wednesday, April 21 at 10:30 am., following a 9:30 breakfast at Mabenka Restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero, Burbank.

Edward Surma, coordinator, announced that the commissioner will discuss the Deep Tunnel project and other functions of the MWRD with a slide presentation.

Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of IL, Campaign-Urbana and a master of science from the University of Arizona.

Rummage Sale to be held

The Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St., will hold a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 23rd from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, the 24th from 9 am to 1 pm. Hot dogs, sandwiches, soup, beverages and desserts will be available for a nominal fee.

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. A committee is gathering names of graduates from all classmates that have attended St., Martin or St. Anne from State through Halsted. The committee has been organized so that many different graduating classes will be represented.

If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.

Ridge Academy holds holiday food drive

This week, Ridge middle school students packed 500 bags of food along with about 200 dozen eggs for the Easter holiday at the Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry. For the fourth year in a row, students helped give food to those in need at the pantry in Morgan Park Church, 11030 S. Longwood Dr.

Twice a year - at Christmas and Easter - students spend two half-days bagging and handing out food. On the first day, students help pantry worker bag food. On the second day, students distribute food to lines of waiting people, often helping people out to the parking lot with their bags. This gives the students an opportunity to hear people's stories and learn how many live in difficult circumstances. They learn how difficult it is for some to get to the food pantry or how many sweet potato pies a grandmother is making for her brood.

"One person said, 'You should thank God for your blessings,'" a student said.

Another student said, "It makes me feel sad. They need things taken for granted by other people."

Students noted they were amazed at the number of people in need of assistance in the surrounding area. Sometimes, at Christmas especially, they see people being turned away for lack of food pantry supplies.

But mostly, students are buoyed by the gratitude of the patrons, citing the good feelings they get from helping others.

Students recall patrons saying they feel so lucky to be receiving food and bestowing profuse thanks for the help. Food pantry organizers also express enthusiasm and gratitude when students show up for their semiannual duties.

At the inception of Ridge Academy four years ago, middle school teacher, Janice Koll, chose the Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry as a service project for her students. The successful union has become a staple in the students' curriculum.

OLCHS alumni notice of all 60's class reunion

A reunion is scheduled to be held October 15 - 17, 2004, Oak Lawn Community High School Homecoming Weekend, for alumni of the 60s. If you attended OLCHS during the decade of the 60s and would like further details of the amazing weekend we have planned, please contact Dian Gambon Lake at Dian46@comcast.net; Marlene DeVries Johnson at Antyma7@aol.com; or write to OLCHS All 60s Reunion Committee, 6300 Barbara Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477. A three day Gala is planned for your entertainment. A Friday night reception at the Hilton. Saturday Pancake Breakfast, participation in the Homecoming parade down 95th Street, Homecoming football game, alumni room in the High School and Saturday night banquet and dinner dance. Sunday will end the events with a great breakfast. Most of the activities are being held at the Oak Lawn Hilton. If you are interested in coming why not get a group of your friends together and join the fun.



Marty Gmiener and his hero Megan Pope

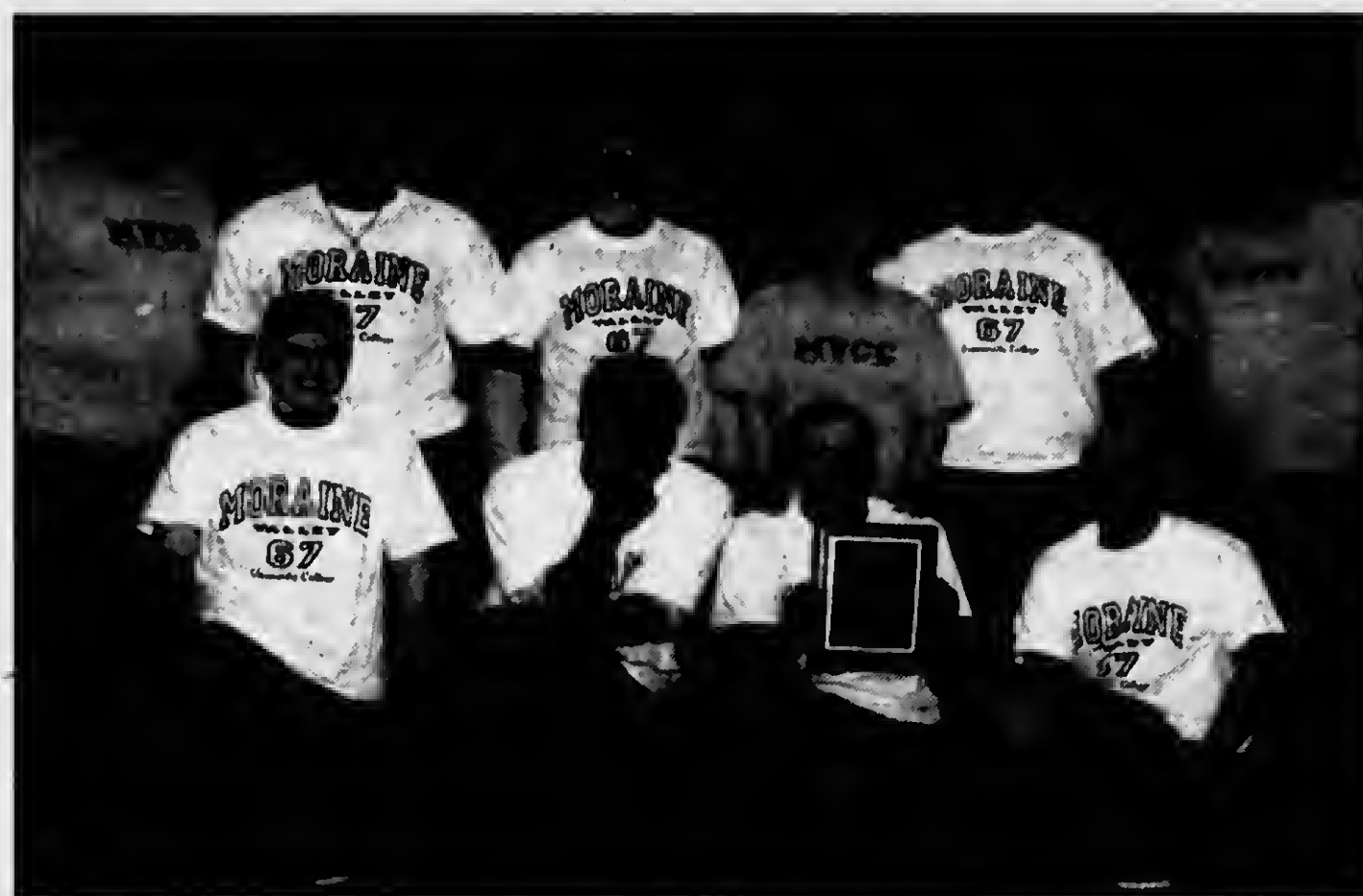
Local citizen thanks Bremen junior for saving his life

Hinsdale resident Marty Gmiener was playing golf at Midlothian Country Club last June when he collapsed after suffering from a subarachnoid hemorrhage. Luckily for him, his caddy, Bremen sophomore Magan Pope, performed CPR and started him breathing again before the paramedics arrived.

He was released from the hospital in August. "I feel like my old self again. Magan Pope is a remarkable 16 year old girl—God bless her."

In a letter recently sent to Bremen Principal Marcia Mendenhall, he wrote, "One of your students, Magan Pope, saved my life this past summer."

Magan first learned CPR from health teacher Mrs. Robin Pomeroy. Mr. Gmiener also wrote a letter to Mrs. Pomeroy. "Many thanks to you and Bremen High School and to Magan Pope for helping me in a time of great need."



Pictured with their third place plaque are, first row, from left: Russell Bartz Jr. (Streamwood), Fabion Watts (Dolton), Ron LeSanche (Alsip), and Dino Dayon (Orland Park); second row, from left: Automotive Technology instructor Ira Siegel, Reginald Bardwell (Robbins), Nick Gawrys (Chicago, Beverly), dean of Career Programs Dr. Sharon Kennedy, Tony Dalaly (Orland Park), and Richard Rackow, associate professor and coordinator of Automotive Technology.

Moraine students place in Chicago car show competition

A group of Moraine Valley Community College students recently took third place in the fourth Annual Chi-Town Teardown Race, Crew Competition at the World of Wheels Car Show in Chicago this month. The competition took place in Chicago's McCormick Place North, where teams of students from several area colleges disassembled and reassembled a Ford 5.4l single overhead cam V-8 engine.

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(L-R) Students Anthony Calahan, Donnell Jackson, Andre Greene, Marcus Craighead, Aaron Gibbs, and Derrick Sanders wore tuxedos from Norman's Tuxedo in Tinley Park and J.P. Tuxedo in Oak Forest.

Hillcrest Prom Walk-Around

Six students at Hillcrest High School helped to kick off prom with a tuxedo walk around on Tuesday, March 9.

Hillcrest's prom will be on May 14 at DiNolfo's in Mokena. Music will be provided by Charizma. Prom tickets will go on sale the morning of April 19 in the cafeteria from 7:45-8:00 and again in room 133 from 2:15-2:30. Cost of tickets is \$55.00 per ticket, cash or money order only. No personal checks will be accepted.

For further inquiries, please contact either Mrs. Walsh or Ms. Foley in the Family and Consumer Science Department at Hillcrest. The number is 799.7000 ext. 2470.

Meeting notice

The regular meeting of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. The meeting will take place in the Board Room, Building D, Room 219, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The Moraine Valley team consisted of seven students (five active and two alternates), including Reginald Bardwell (Robbins), Russell Bartz Jr. (Streamwood), Tony Dalaly (Orland Park), Dino Dayon (Orland Park), Nick Gawrys (Chicago, Beverly), Ron LeSanche (Alsip), and Fabion Watts (Dolton).

For more information, contact Josh Reinhart, public relations generalist, at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu.



Youth Winners: Victor Szeligowski and Lauren Walker

Youth Concerto Competition winners announced

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra will perform its last concert of the season on April 24, at Trinity Christian College, 6601 West College Drive, in Palos Heights at 8:00pm.

Featured will be music of Haydn and Respighi. The two winners of the Youth Concerto Competition, Victor Szeligowski and Lauren Walker will be featured.

Victor, a violinist is 15 and a student at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox. He has performed music by Sarasate, Sibelius and Saint Saens in various competitions. Lauren, on French horn, is a past winner of the SSO Youth Competition and a senior at Romeoville High School. She has been principal horn for the Metropolitan Youth Chamber Orchestra for the past four years and Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra for three years.

Lauren has performed in Orchestra Hall Symphony Center in Chicago, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and Carnegie Hall in New York. She attributes her success to her teacher Dr. Kazimierz Machala, professor of horn at the University of Illinois.

Congratulations from the Village View News to the Youth Winners! Tickets are \$5 for students, \$15-19 for seniors and \$16-20 for adults. For further information call 708-802-0686.

Navy Pier announces outdoor exhibit

An internationally acclaimed art critic, Peter Schjeldal will serve as the juror and curator for the 2004 exhibit. The event will be held at Navy Pier May 5-November 8, 2004.

Peter Schjeldal, a staff writer and art critic for The New Yorker has agreed to judge the pieces that will be on display. He is well known in art circles and the author of four books.

Pier Walk exhibitors invite critics and curators to explore compelling issues in contemporary sculpture. The exhibits attract a large number of international artists.

Applicants from artists in Australia, Britain, Netherlands, Spain and the United States were selected.

In addition to drawing collectors to Chicago specifically to purchase, Navy Pier Walk provides international business and government leaders an avenue to view the public art featured in Chicago. More than 5 million visitors could visit the free Navy Pier Walk.

For more information on Pier Walk call 312-595-5019.

Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State announces events

Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University announces events for early May. On May 1, 2004 at 11:00am the Especially for Kids program presents The Little

Engine that Could Earn Her Whistle at the Center. It is a feel-good musical that tells the uplifting story of an ordinary train that performs an extraordinary feat of strength and courage. Tickets are \$8. This special Saturday morning show allows parents to share with their children.

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) presents Chicago's own Umphrey's McGee at the Center for Performing Arts on May 7, 2004 at 7:30pm. This is a fundraiser for the College's educational outreach efforts. It is the first in a series of concerts planned by The CAS to compliment its already distinguished lecture series.

Umphrey's McGee has quickly become one of the nation's fastest-rising groups on the touring circuit. Their genre-bending style encompasses a myriad of musical sounds, rooted in classical training, jazz precision and rock fury. They have released 4 CD's and an award-nominated DVD, as well as performed sold-out shows from coast to coast. They have headlined at festivals from 2002. A new CD is scheduled for June 2004 release.

The Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University is dedicated to presenting the finest in performing arts entertainment and education to Chicago's greater metropolitan area and the southern suburbs. It features a 1200 seat facility for presentations. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University announces the musical Forever Plaid coming to the Center Mother's day weekend May 8 and 9, 2004. The Center is offering special children's ticket prices for the 3pm show and a Deluxe Champaign Buffet at 1pm.

Forever Plaid is a hilarious musical tribute to the "50's and the news media declare it sweet, funny, letter perfect and thoroughly amusing. The Buffet features a variety of selections including both breakfast and lunch items. Children are \$21(16 and under) and adults \$26. Separate tickets are needed. Other performances are Saturday May 8 at 8pm and Sunday May 9 at 3pm. Tickets are \$28-37. For ticket information call the box office at 708-235-2222.

Amusements & Theater



by Marijo Doody



Harry, played by Nick Sandys, in Hidden Laughter at Remy Bumpo.

Remy Bumpo presents Hidden Laughter

In Hidden Laughter, the roll of Ben portrayed by Dale Benson, is the father. He is an aging actor and is superb in the roll of (Ben) in the comedy. Simon Gray's Hidden Laughter, is about a family of erotic, dysfunctional members. While it seemed to run slow, perhaps from direction, there were some funny moments. It was literate, sardonic and witty at times and very, very British.

The play was set in the Thatcher era, where the audience did not catch the political entities of its time and poetic roots.

At the center of the story is "Little Paradise" the name given to the idyllic cottage and garden in Devon that was purchased in 1980 to be the weekend get-away house. The buyers are Harry (Nick Sandys) a successful London literary agent and Louise (Annabel Armour) his wife a compulsive second-rate novelist. Nick Sandys, opera fans remember as the Flight-Director at Lyric Opera this year. Annabel Armour has acted in the area over 30 years and was excellent. We talked about the old Body Politic Theater era after the program.

The house becomes a gathering place for the couple's troubled teenagers, the self-destructive punk-bohemian: Natalie (good work by Nejla Wolff) and the Christ figure Nigel (Joe Sherman-his debut at Remy Bumpo). In the mix also is Harry's father,

Ben. Dale Benson does a marvelous job of aging and the clergyman (Ronnie) has lost all conviction is played

by David Darlow. His presentation was somewhat slow.

During the decade we watch the family's dysfunction, two other visitors are presented.

A young novelist played by Kelly Cooper and a dippy secretary (Cherise Sylvestri) whom Harry engages in one of his many affairs. Playwright Gray's look at the nest,

Which shows nobody ever listening to anyone else.

It is supposed to be a funny but somehow missed the boat. However the laughter in certain sections of the play with the help of the characters Ben, Louise and Ronnie, helped the movement of the humor in the ridiculous characters presented. The play runs through May 16 at the Victory Gardens Theater, 2257 N. Lincoln, in Chicago. Call 773-871-3000 for tickets.

Arts in Bartlett Accepting Applications to 2nd Juried Fine Arts Fair

After a successful debut as Bartlett's first juried fine arts fair, Arts in Bartlett

will again present the SummerFest Fine Art Fair in conjunction with the Bartlett Chamber of Commerce. The date is Sunday, August 8, in Bartlett Park, Oak and North Avenue in Bartlett, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is free and a variety of oil and water color paintings, jewelry, fine crafts and other art objects will be for sale. Participating artists are eligible for awards, including Best of Show, Awards of Excellence and Purchase Awards to be presented on the day of the Art Fair. Music tents and food vendors will be added this year.

The deadline for artist applications is May 15. To obtain an application, e-mail artsinbartlett@comcast.net or call 630-585-3656.

The jury selecting the works from among the applicants to the show are Sarah Bowers, former Barrington Area Arts Council executive director and gallery curator; Michelle Zappia-Eickmeier, Bartlett High School instructor; and Dennis Markley, Elgin Community College Instructor. Judges are Yamilet Abejon, Art Institute of Chicago; and Jenny Knavel, Western Illinois University.

Incorporated as a non-profit arts council in November 2002, Arts in Bartlett's mission is build community through the arts and "to celebrate the arts and personal creativity so that the community and each individual is enriched."

The Stars of Lyric Opera at Grant Park will not hold the free concert

Lyric Opera's annual Stars of Lyric Opera at Grant Park's free concert will not take place in 2004 due to the rehearsal demands and time constraints of the company's 50th anniversary season. The first free concert was in 2000 and well over 20,000 music lovers were present over the four concerts. Lyric indicated the concerts were well received, and each September the audience seemed larger and more enthusiastic. They indicated that they look forward to returning in the future.

As part of the Grant Park's Music Festival, the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists and the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra conducted by Hannu Lintu will perform a concert version of Puccini's Gianni Schicchi in Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at 6:30pm. The event is free and open to the public.

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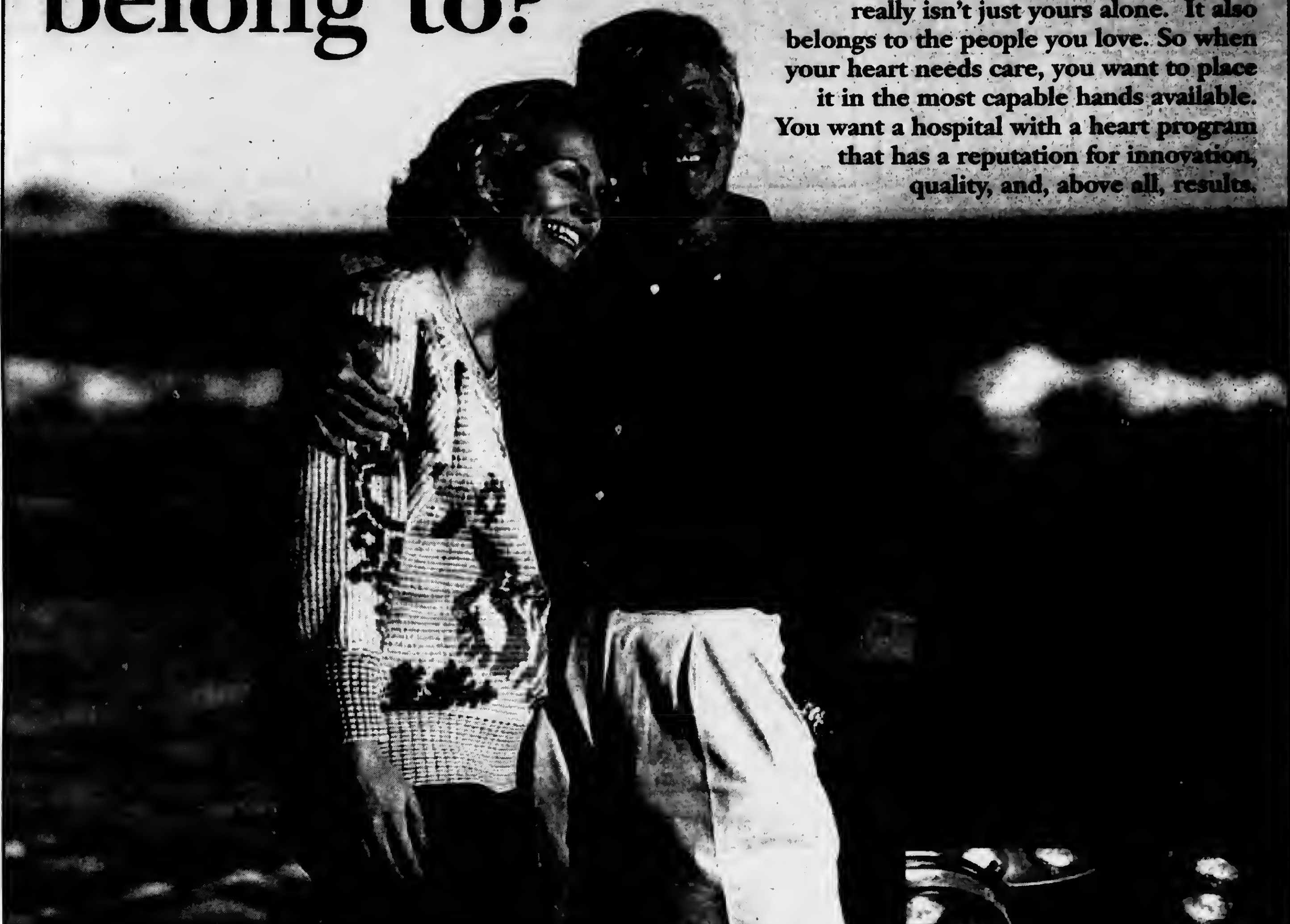
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Village of Orland Park shows support for native son

Bill Rancic of "The Apprentice" touted on village sign

Those who travel LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45 in Orland Park have grown accustomed to seeing municipal announcements on the marquee at the 147th Street entrance to the Orland Park Village Center Complex. This week, drivers are seeing a different message, one of support for Orland Park native Bill Rancic.

On Monday, Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin asked that the sign be changed to read, "Orland Park is proud of Bill 'You're Hired' Rancic," showing the community's support for the village native who was one of two finalists on NBC's reality television show, "The Apprentice" which he ultimately won.

Rancic grew up in Orland Park, graduating from St. Michael Catholic School and Carl Sandburg High School before moving onto Loyola University in Chicago.

"We're certain that Bill has what it takes to be a part of the Trump organization," McLaughlin said confidently. "After all, he is a very bright young man who grew up in a great town," the mayor said smiling.



Oak Forest upgrades technology

By David Vognar

In the first official City Council meeting without City Administrator Kent D. Royster, on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, the city of Oak Forest passed a measure to acquire new Microsoft licenses to complement its recently purchased network servers. The move is just another step in the city's recent trend towards modernization in both the fields of technology and city infrastructure.

The Microsoft licenses will cost the city \$12,275. With the two new servers just recently accrued by the city, the licenses will help the city build towards a coherent, mobile city mainframe. The networks will now be complete with new operating systems. The updates will be paid primarily out of TIF III funds from districts earmarked as "tax increment financing" districts.

Oak Forest also hired Robinson Engineering to perform a topographical survey study of the northwest corner of 159th Street and Cicero Avenue. Robinson would be moving forward the city's long-term RFP Gateway project that seeks, in part, to improve the general vicinity near the Cicero intersection. Robinson will be analyzing for any parking problems, watershed issues or foreseeable storm water management snafus that

could get in the way of the development of the area.

As is common in city planning, the better the survey job done by Robinson, the more likely Oak Forest will be able to attain a good developer to finish the RFP Gateway project. Robinson will also be responsible for assisting the future developers in presenting the corner for the city's approval prior to construction. The city will pay the group in the amount of \$24,400.

Questions did arise, however, concerning the hiring of Robinson, as opposed to other engineering firms more familiar with Oak Forest. Yet, city officials stuck up for their decision to hire the company, claiming that the

firm would bring a breath of fresh air into the city—and a varying viewpoint about the city's ZPDA-spearheaded improvement plan.

The Gateway plan is large in scope and the different phases may very well overlap. Currently, the city is on the second phase, which includes seeking engineering surveys of the corridor-project's route. That does not rule-out the distinct possibility that the next, or third, phase in the project will be overlapped.

In other news, Mayor Patrick Gordon proclaimed the week of April 11 Telecommunicators Week, a time during which citizens should reflect on the "lives and property that are saved and protected" due to the efforts of this nation's 911 operators and those who respond to emergency calls.

In addition, the city opted to spend the necessary

\$2,284 to renew their membership within the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. The group, which operates within the Chicagoland area, sponsors 2 yearly workshops that cover the regional planning processes of the area. While membership generally contains little direct results for municipalities, the commission is good to be a part of politically, as it does tend to have a slight influence in regional policy decisions.

Briefly, Oak Forest formally approved, and thereby hired, the mayoral appointment of James P. Rossi for the position vacated by Kent D. Royster as City Administrator. The Fire Department was successful in its application for a FEMA grant, meaning that the department's planned purchase of thirty self-contained breathing apparatuses should go through within the next sixty days.



Tinley Park Chamber holds Grand Opening

The Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce held a grand opening ceremony for the opening of their new offices at 17316 S. Oak Park Ave. on April 7th.

Pictured are: Rick Butkus (Director), Matthew Heffernan (Trustee), Sylvia Mikucki (Executive director), Al Siegers (Director), Peggy Redmond (President), Mayor Zabrocki, Joe Ficaro (Pres. Elect)

The Tinley Park and Orland Park Chambers held a Business After Hours at the St. Xavier Orland Park Campus on Thursday, April 15th.

Pictured to the left are: Donna C. Hannigan, Wanda M. Manning MBA, Christine Kuropas, and James A. Kruse, M.A.,

Notice of temporary street closures

Listed below are temporary road closures due to construction.

131st Street - LaGrange Road to Southwest Highway: Road widening will begin approximately April 22, 2004 and last eight weeks. Lane closures will occur during the day but will be open during the evening.

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Sycamore and 80th Avenue Intersection - Closed for construction of 80th Avenue Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23, 2004.

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Students Jason Hospes and Jamie Blozy cut their wedding cake after participating in the Mock Wedding at Oak Forest High School.

The students in the Social Changes classes at Oak Forest transformed the school's Lecture Hall into a wedding chapel complete with decorated arch in order to celebrate the double mock wedding that has become an annual event at the high school.

OF social changes classes host wedding

The students of teachers Mark Furstenau and Linda Campbell planned the event down to the last detail. After the couples, Jaime Blozy and Jason Hospes and Becky Waddell and Eric Bryce stated their vows and exchanged rings the wedding party proceeded to the reception site and dined on food prepared by the school's Hospitality classes.

The students in both classes learned valuable lessons in teamwork, communication and organization as well as learning about various marriage customs.



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Tinley Park Library offers programs

Explore the natural wonders of Singapore, the island nation in Southeast Asia and the mountains and plateaus of Thailand at the Tinley Park Public Library World Travelers program Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, May 3 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4.

The Tinley Park Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in the library meeting room. Board meetings are open to the public. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x118. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Investment Strategies

Are you still wondering what to do with the birthday check you received from Aunt Gladys? Hiding it under your mattress is not the best option. Professor of Finance at Purdue University, C. Pat Obi, will provide investment tips and strategies Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 pm at the Tinley Park Public Library. Register in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4 beginning Monday, April 26. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Love Your Pet Month

Celebrate Love Your Pet Month this May with the Tinley Park Public Library Bookmobile staff by having a photo of your family pet displayed on the bookmobile bulletin board. Bring your favorite pet photo to the bookmobile during the month of April. Photos will be returned upon request. Also, during the month of May, patrons who come to one of the 44 bookmobile stops will receive a bookmark or other surprise treat, and all dogs accompanied by their owners will receive a complimentary doggie biscuit. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x141. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Date with Mom/Mother's Day Spring Craft

Celebrate Mother's Day with the youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library by participating in one of these special programs. On Tuesday, May 4 from 10:00 - 10:45 am, moms and their children ages 3 through 5 will sing songs, listen to stories, and make a special craft. Refreshments served. Children ages 6 through 10 will make a unique gift for the special someone in their lives on Wednesday, May 5 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, April 26 for both programs. Register in person in the youth services department or by phoning 532-0160 x125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Acorn Library program

"How to Advocate for your Child's Educational Needs" will be presented at the Acorn Public Library, 15624 S. Central Ave., Oak Forest, on Saturday, April 24, at 10 am.

Learn how to stand up for your child when facing teachers and school boards regarding your child's IEP (individual education program). Learn your rights and learn how the Illinois laws will affect your child's education.

All programs are free to the public. For registration or information, call 708 / 687-3700

Moraine Valley class to host Walk for Awareness

As Moraine Valley Community College students gear up for finals, students in the college's Recreation Therapy program will provide a fun activity to relieve the stress that the end of a semester can bring.

Moraine Valley's Recreation For Special Populations class will sponsor a Walk for Awareness event on Tuesday, May 11, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Moraine Valley's walking path, located on the Palos Hills campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place indoors in the G Building (Gym) and upper levels of buildings A and L.

Walk for Awareness is an event designed to enlighten and inform the college and community about the many interesting programs and opportunities available to persons with disabilities. Ten different stations will be set up along the walking path, allowing participants to experience adapted versions of golf, basketball, fitness activities, sensory enabling gardening, and canoeing. Other stops along the path will highlight sensitivity awareness, adaptive equipment, resources, volunteer opportunities, and the Special Olympics.

For more information, call Donna J. McCauley, associate professor of Recreation Therapy and Recreation Management, at (708) 974-5227 or e-mail mccauley@morainevalley.edu. For news media inquiries, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281 or e-mail naughton@morainevalley.edu.

Library Closed

The Tinley Park Public Library will be closed Sunday, May 9 in honor of Mother's Day. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Regular library hours resume on Monday, May 10. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x4. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Internet Classes

Registration begins Saturday, May 1 for the following Internet Classes at the Tinley Park Public Library: Mousercise Class teaches those with little or no experience how to use a mouse. Class date: May 6 at 2:00 pm. Fee: Free. Beginner Internet Class, May 20 and 27 at 6:30 pm, is for those with little or no Internet experience. Fee: \$30 for two 2-hour sessions. The only requirement is the ability to manipulate a mouse. Downloading Class, May 12 at 6:30 pm, discusses how to download files and software; how to decompress zip files and how to install the downloaded software. Fee: \$10. E-Mail Class covers account registration, inbox, address books, and attachments using Yahoo mail (90 min). Fee: \$10. Class: May 5 at 6:30 pm. Advance registration is required in person for all classes except Mousercise. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. Phone 532-0160 ext. 2 for information. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

TSQ Saxophone Quartet

The TSQ Saxophone Quartet Sunday will perform an eclectic blend of classical, jazz, ragtime and blues at the Tinley Park Public Library Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, May 12 in person at the library or by phoning 532-0160 x4. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Fairy Tale Theatre Auditions

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grades 6 through 12 who enjoy acting and those who enjoy working as part of the stage crew to attend the auditions for the annual summer play, The Princess and the Pea, Wednesday, May 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Scripts will be available to view in the library starting May 5. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x 125.

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Open viewing to take place

Moraine Valley Community College will host an open viewing on Friday, April 23, starting at 8 p.m. in the college's observatory. The moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn will be visible in the night sky, weather permitting.

The viewing will be hosted by Tom McCague, associate professor and department chair of Moraine Valley's Biology department. McCague, an amateur astronomer for more than 40 years, built the telescope of approximately \$800 in common hardware store items such as plywood, Teflon, PVC pipe, and glass and donated it to the college last fall. The telescope, a 6½-foot Newtonian reflecting model, is 13 inches in diameter and took 14 months to build.

The telescope is housed in a dome on the G. Jack Bradley Observation Deck, located in a western sector of the college's Nature Study Area, near the corner of 107th Street and Kean Avenue on the Palos Hills campus.

Because of the outdoor location of the telescope, interested observers are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather, and to bring binoculars if they have them. The event will be canceled in the event of inclement weather such as clouds, rain or snow.

Other public viewings have been scheduled for the following dates: Monday, May 24 at 9 p.m.; Friday, June 25 at 9:30 p.m.; Friday, July 23 at 9:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 27 at 9 p.m.; and Friday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Moraine Valley's observatory is used as a teaching tool, not only for the college, but also for local schools and community groups as well. For more information, or to schedule a campus visit or field trip, call Marianne Naughton, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281, e-mail her at naughton@morainevalley.edu, or visit www.morainevalley.edu/TourMV/.



Moraine Valley celebrates Health Fitness Center member's 90th birthday

Jack Gildroy, a member of Moraine Valley Community College's Health Fitness Center, celebrates his 90th birthday with his wife, Fran (right) and Health Fitness Center director Cathy Nolan. Gildroy has been a member of the center since June 2002. He joined as part of his rehabilitation since having a pacemaker installed earlier that year. Accompanied by Fran, his wife of 61 years, Gildroy works out three times a week at the Moraine Valley facilities.

projects since the village has 48.2% eligibility. The boundaries for the CDBG grant are south of Southwest Highway, east of the Tri-State and south of 103rd. The streets under consideration are Nashville, Natoma, Normandy, 104th St, 104th Pl and Norfolk Lane. At the April 19th board meeting, the village consultant from URS/TRAP, Rudy Vissar, will present a comprehensive list and request application for the grant. This request will be for the full amount of \$300,000. The village typically receives one half of the requested amount, Vissar

said.

Village Clerk Chuck Tokar outlined the 2004 property tax rebate report. Refunds were mailed to 1,762 applicants on March 5th. Applicants received a total of \$369,754.13, which equates to an average of \$209.84 per property owner. Over the past seven years, 65 percent of taxes collected by the village has rebated to property owners. However, this is the largest amount that has ever been rebated, Tokar said.

The board approved an ordinance for a water rein-statement service fee of

\$25.00. A resolution allocating \$600,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax funds for street maintenance was also approved. The board approved the purchase of a new computer used to record data from the water tanks at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00, as well as replacement chlorometer for \$424.80. The purchase of fence gates for the Ridge Fest from Cook County Fence for \$847.00, a podium for the village chambers for \$847.00 was also approved. The board also voted to accept the offer of \$3,700.00 to \$3,800.00 from Ameritech Data Service.

1st Annual Worth Days Golf Outing

Join us for a day of golf, food and fun at the 1st Annual Worth Days Golf Outing. Saturday, May 1st.

The Worth Days Committee is hosting this outing to raise funds for this year's Worth Days festival which will take place September 9th through the 12th.

Golf on your own or put together your own foursome—all are welcome. Price is \$90 per person which includes: 18 holes (best ball), golf cart, personal tee times, beer, brats & burgers, raffles & giveaways.

Tee times start at 9:30 am at Water's Edge Golf Club, 7025 W. 115th Street, Worth.

For tickets or more information, contact Garrett and Ann Glynn at 708/361-6234 or email gaglynn@comcast.net

Chicago Ridge residents to receive property tax rebates

by Matt Mayer

Prior to the April 6th Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting, a public hearing was held in regards to an application through HUD and the Cook County. The application for the Cook

County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was filed on February 13th based on 42 percent and higher, low-income areas in the village. However since the filing, HUD and the County have changed the guidelines for eligible areas to 48.7%. Therefore it became necessary to select new

Help preserve Palos Park

Police Commissioner John Mahoney is asking that residents contact the Palos Park Police Dept. at 708/448-2191 when they see or suspect construction or grading taking place without proper permit(s) on weekends or during non-business hours.

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Community Events

Green Hills Public Library is calling all kids 6-9 years old to join us until April 29th, each day at 4:00 pm. Win cool prizes and challenge your mind while we play exciting games like Family Feud, Win, Lose or Draw, and Wheel of Fortune. Contact the Youth Services Department at 708 / 598-8446 ext. 19 to register or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd St., in Palos Hills. Beach Boys Ravinia Trip

Join the Green Hills Public Library on a bus trip to Ravinia for a Beach Boys concert Thursday, June 14. Please call the reference desk at 598-8446 ext 20 to register or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

The Palos Park Service League Plant Sale will be Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 am to 12 Noon at the Palos West School, 12700 104th Ave., Palos Park.

For information, call 708 / 448-4534. All proceeds go to local programs and needy families.

The Children's Farm at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, is looking for volunteers who love animals, kids and fresh air.

Call Shannon or Kay at 708 / 361-3650 for more information.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, is hosting "Car Care: Take Pride in Your Ride" on Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Are those ads for low-cost car insurance the real deal? Been in a car accident and feel like you're getting the run-around? How do you keep that "just waxed" look? A local auto body expert will give us hints on how to keep our cars working for us. Attendees may have a chance to win a coupon for car washes. Call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat to this free program.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, continues its Gardening Gala on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. by hosting: "A Beginner's Guide to Growing and Using Herbs."

Which herbs grow best in containers? What should you plant now to have an herbal harvest? Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, owner of the Backyard Patch, will encourage you incorporate herbs into your gardening efforts.

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Celebrate National Library Week at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, April 18-24th. "Treasure Your Library" with a visit to your library's treasure chest. Each day you visit the library and check out materials you can choose a gift from the treasure chest. Support the Friends of the Library by purchasing a raffle ticket for a quilt donated by the library's Quilting Group. Tickets are \$1 each or 5 for \$6. The Quilt Raffle will be held during the gardening program on Tuesday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m. Winner need not be present. National Library Week Children's activities include: Culture Club

and Teen Craft on Tuesday, April 20th, Teen Movie on Thursday, April 22nd, and an American Girl Tea Party on Saturday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m.. Check out the library's website at www.chicagoridgeline.library.il.us for details. Call the library at 423-7753 if you have any questions.

On Wed., April 28, from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Advocate Christ Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, will serve as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America's 11th annual bereavement teleconference, "Living with Grief: Alzheimer's Disease." This live-via-satellite broadcast will cover the following topics: medical understandings regarding the diagnosis, progress and treatment of Alzheimer's; particular grief issues that patients and families face during the course of this illness; challenges facing

policy advocates; and dementias other than Alzheimer's.

Following the program, a panel of professionals from the medical center and community will answer questions from the audience. The cost of the program is \$15 payable to Advocate Health Care. Credit cards are accepted, but only when pre-registered by phone. Cash or checks will be accepted at the door on the day of the event.

CE credits are available for this program. There is a \$25 fee for attendees seeking CEUs. Lunch, Teleconference Companion Book and materials will be provided during the teleconference. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.

To register or for more information, call Advocate Christ Medical Center's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622.

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Moraine Valley to present chorale concert

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The Moraine Chorale, Chamber Singers, and a 14-piece orchestra will close the 2003-04 season with songs from the musicals "Hairspray," "Kiss Me Kate," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "American Bandstand" and "The Wizard of Oz," to name a few. The show will feature music by

Irving Berlin, Johnny Mercer, Richard Rogers and Jerome Kern. Nicholas Thomas, Moraine Valley's musical director, will direct the performance.

Tickets for the performance are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors. Tickets for children under age 10 will be \$5. For more information or for tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Tickets ordered over the phone are subject to a \$1 handling fee. More information can also be found on the college's Web site at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.

Chicago Ridge Library recognizes students from area schools

The Chicago Ridge Public Library Youth Services Department proudly recognizes forty-five students from Finley Junior High School, Our Lady of the Ridge School, Ridge Central School, and Ridge Lawn School for their outstanding participation in the 2nd Annual Battle of the Books on March 16th.

The Friends of the Chicago Ridge Public Library fully supported this program by supplying sets of books and prizes. A special thanks to Papa Luigi's for donating pizza certificates to all participants.

Team members from the following schools were: 4th Grade: Ridge Lawn (Sarona Abu-Maizer, Tiva Amariel, Mallory McGrail, Desiree Rores, Haneen Zubida); 5th Grade: Ridge Lawn #1 (Megan Ferneau, Fahmia Gazawneh, Annie Marino, Brendan Buckley, Athena Vo); 6th Grade: Our Lady of the Ridge (Anne Marie Coglianese, Megan Kelly, Ted Krawczyk, Lauren Pratl, Joe Pusateri, Christopher Vainer).

Students realized their local library is not only informative; it is also a fun place to be! Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Award reading lists and books for 2005 are available at the Chicago Ridge Public Library now. Get ready for next year's competition!

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Oak Lawn honors theater State Champions

By Matt Mayer

The April 27th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, commenced with Acting Mayor Ron Stancik - presenting the Oak Lawn Community High School theater students, a sign honoring their triumph as the new State Champions. On March 20th, 2004 Oak Lawn Community High School competed at Joliet Central High School, in state of Illinois sectional Drama and Group Interpretation finals. For the first time in school history, both groups received a first place ranking at the sectionals. This qualified them for the state finals at Southeastern Illinois College at Harrisburg, Illinois - on the weekend of March 26-27th.

The group interpretations of "Protestant Cry, Too," captured the State Championship! The champion cast included All-Staters Julie Hinks, Josh Lopez, Michael Norris, Ed Suda, and Brian Weems. Also performing were Dorothy Koll, Sean Goldrick, Rebecca Puh, Elise Bauman and Allison Stanko. This performance was directed by Mark Donaway assisted by Dennis Anastasopoulos.

The students won second place in the drama category for "Absolutely! (Perhaps)." The cast included all state members Nicole Cassidy, Guin Grana, Justin Lopez and Dave Vognar. Also performing were Megan Hinks, Caitlin Goldrick, Brian Fay, Patrick Cooper, Adrienne Thurzo, Andrew Coate, Kristina Reyes, Wayne Miller, Sean Goldrick, Michael Norris and Allison Stanko. This performance was directed by Tom Dzurison with the assistance of Dennis Anastasopoulos, Jennifer Galante, Meridith Morris and Marcus Wargin. After the ceremony Stancik stated we congratulate you, and it's a shame that this doesn't receive the type of recognition, that perhaps sports would in the State Championship.

The board approved the vacation of the first east/west alley north of 95th Street, between 51st Ave and Tully Ave and the first 125 feet of the north/south alley immediately north of and adjacent to the east/west alley. As well as an ordinance vacating certain alleys. A request for a parking variation at 5716 W. 95th St was also approved.

The board approved a subdivision of 5 lots at 4900 W. 106th Pl and the 51st Ave station consolidation of one lot on the north side of 95th St between Tully Ave and 51st Ave. as well as a lot consolidation at 9652 Marion Ave.

An ordinance authorizing certain traffic regulations. Stop signs Westbound on 94th St at Sayre Ave. Handicapped parking on the east side of 53rd Ave, just north of 95th St. And a no left turn sign onto 95th St from the Oak Lawn Promenade Shopping Center, was also approved. As well as an ordinance amendment, eliminating any reference to Cook School. The board approved the reappointment of Fred Robey (D-1) and Mary Dwyer (D-3) for a 3-year term as Fair Housing Commissioners, from May 2004 to May 2007. The board also proclaimed the month of May as Historic Preservation Month.



Chief Robert V. Smith, Jr., Dolores Mitchell, Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan

Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor awarded

On April 1, Dolores Mitchell of Oak Lawn was a recipient of the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor Award for community Service at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Dolores' name was submitted by Father William Corcoran of St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn. Fr. Corcoran describes the recipient's contribution to the community as follows:

Dolores is an active member of the Peace & Justice Committee at St. Linus. On Super Bowl Sunday, she has a "souper" bowl at church. Volunteers with bowls are at the doors of the church and each person is asked for \$1 to feed the homeless at a P.A.D.S. location. She is an involved supporter of the "Courage" program. There is a bassinets in the sanctuary of the church to collect baby clothing and other needs for babies of unwed mothers.

If there is a worthy cause, Dolores will help.

Evergreen Park traffic delays a concern

By Matt Mayer

Mayor James Sexton reported at the April 19th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting that Due to the Progression of the streetscape construction project. Which had begun earlier that day, 95th St traffic will be down to one lane, as well as no left turns for the next month. Sexton encourages avoiding the area of 95th and Kedzie, for this period of time. With good things comes challenge this is our challenge, Sexton said.

Additional road construction includes street resurfacing from 99th Pl to 102nd Pl, Cali-

fornia Ave to the Canadian National Railroad tracks. The Board also approved the resurfacing of the Country Club Drive area in the amount of \$220,000, and 87th St to 91st St from Rockwell Ave to Kedzie Ave will be ground down and resurfaced.

These particular streets are over thirty-five years old. Sexton stated that the Village basis these projects on the length of time since work has last been done. We don't do them because a Trustee lives on one block or the other, they come in sequence and are done in that order, Sexton said.

The board approved the following business license regulation certificates. Committee to Elect Jason Tabour, a campaign office at 3815 W. 95th St, Sotiros Foods Inc, a food distribution center at 3029 W. 87th St and Honor finance, an automobile Finance office at 8730 S. Western Ave -Suite 407. An ordinance approving the adoption of an international property maintenance code was also approved.

A request to proclaim the week of April 18 thru April 24th as "Volunteer's Inspire by Example Week". And the month of May 2004 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" was approved. A Motor Fuel Tax Funds Appropriation from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 was also approved.



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During the nine weeks of training, the soldiers studied

the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed

and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Folliard is the son of Patricia M. Folliard of S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill., and Kevin Folliard of W. 26th St., Chicago.

He is a 2002 graduate of Mount Carmel High School, Chicago.

Bakker is the daughter of Karen Curry of Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill., and granddaughter of Joanne Anderson of Kolmar Ave., Oak Lawn.

She is a 2001 graduate of Argo Community High School, Summit.

Abusumayah is the son of Taysir Abusumayah of Ottawa Drive, Tinley Park.

He graduated in the year 2000 from Morton West High School, Berwyn.

Marine Corps Pvt. Grant W. Connor, son of Michelle E. Connor of Bridgeview, Pvt. Josh T. Blankenship, son of Gail and Jeff Blankenship of Evergreen Park, and Pvt. Daniel V. Collura, son of Ron Collura of Bridgeview, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Connor, Blankenship, Collura, and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Connor spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Connor, Blankenship, Collura, and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

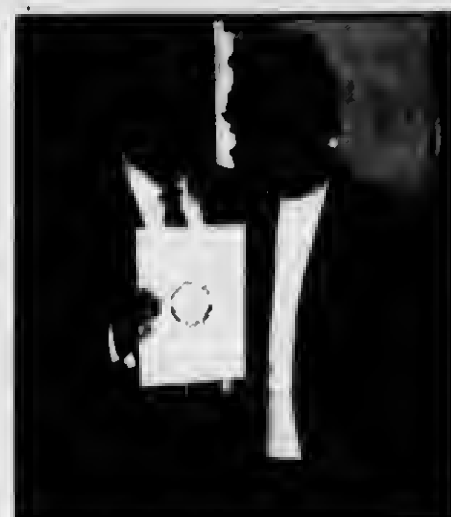
Connor, Blankenship, Collura, and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines"

for the first time in their careers.

Connor is a 2003 graduate of Oaklawn Community High School of Oak Lawn.

Blankenship is a 2002 graduate of Evergreen Park High School of Evergreen Park.

Collura is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School of Oak Lawn.



Judy Baar Topinka with E. Wayne Rethford
(Photo by Jay Hostettler)

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka presents a retirement proclamation at the Illinois Saint Andrew Society Retirement Party for E. Wayne Rethford,

Senator Maloney speaks to Lions Club

Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) spoke to the local Lions Club on April 8, 2004.

Since 1917, Lions club has offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park, Lions club members have always been committed to building a brighter future for their community.

"Senator Maloney's address was enlightening to all of the members," said John Stokes, a Lions Club Officer. "He explained the legislative process to us and explained how a bill is passed."

"I am honored that the Lions Club invited me to speak to their organization," said Senator Maloney. "They provide so much to the community it was nice to be able to give something to them, even if it was just explaining and answering questions about the legislative process and what we do here in Springfield."

Presentation made for 18 years of service

Administrato-The Schottish Home in North Riverside, Illinois. Rethford has held the position for the past 18 years. He is currently President and CEO of the Illinois

Saint Andrew Society. The Scottish Home was first constructed in 1910 by the Illinois Saint Andrew Society to provide a resicent for elderly and needy Scots



Members of American Legion Post 1993, standing, left to right: Glenn Short, Stanley Marek (grandfather of Melissa Whitworth), Mike Wunder, Tom Coe, Charles Stonis, Arnold Duran. Kneeling left to right Melissa Whitworth, her son David, Anna Kasperczyk.

Welcome Home Melissa

American Legion Palos Memorial Post 1993 and Marrs/Meyer Post 991 of Worth, IL welcomed home from a tour of Iraq Alsip, IL resident Melissa A. Whitworth. Also present was Melissa's large family and friends who were elated by her return from an 11 month tour of duty in some dangerous zones in Iraq. Melissa surprised everyone by bringing her friend and fellow Iraq veteran Anna Kasperczek of Chicago. Both women were assigned to the 1st Armored Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, as motor vehicle maintenance specialists.

Melissa and Anna were welcomed by Post 1993 Commander and family friend Tom Coe, American Legion 1st Division Jr. Vice Commander Bill Hudson, American Legion 8th District Sr. Vice Commander Bill Stalze and the mayor of Alsip. A representative of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago read a resolution that was passed by their board and presented the resolution to Melissa. Also played was a news video produced by ABC Chicago TV station WLS-Channel 7 welcoming her home.

Melissa will spend about a month home with her beloved son, David, before reporting for duty at Ft. Reilly, KS, however, this time David will be with her. Her plans are to complete her current enlistment and then pursue a law degree.

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Senator Edward Maloney

Maloney bill addresses assault of sports officials

State Senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) has advanced legislation to the Senate floor that would permit law enforcement officials to charge individuals who attack sports officials or coaches with aggravated assault.

Individuals convicted of the crime could be eligible for a term of imprisonment up to one year and a maximum fine of \$2500.

Senator Maloney's legislation would make the offense an act of aggravated assault if the attacker knows that the victim is a coach or sporting official. Additionally, the attack must occur near or within a sports facility and the victim must be participating in an event at the sports facility. This legislation includes referees and umpires refereeing a game at any level of play, from professional sports to t-ball and youth soccer.

"This legislation is a very necessary measure to protect both sports officials and coaches from violent fans," said Maloney. "As a former official, I can tell you that referees are an integral part of the game. In the past, the law didn't protect sports officials and coaches regardless of the extent of their injuries. This new legislation will make important clarifications to existing law strengthening our ability to send a clearer message that these types of attacks will not be tolerated."

House Bill 4023 now moves to the full Senate for consideration.



Terrence J. O'Brien

O'Brien to be honored

President Terrence J. O'Brien, of the

Congress should address inequity in federal student aid

By Jerry Dill, Regional Vice President of DeVry University.

There's no law that says it has to take four years to

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Thursday, May 20. The event will take place at the Ballroom, 12 E. Erie St. from 5 to 7 pm.

President O'Brien was first elected to the District in 1988. His integrity, coupled with his innate ability as an effective leader, led his fellow commissioners to elect him President of the Board of Commissioners in 1997, 1999, 2001, and again in 2003.

O'Brien graduated from Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL and earned his bachelor of science degree at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

graduate in three years. Any budgetary impact of year-round grants would be more than offset by the prospect of students entering the workforce - and the tax rolls - sooner.

This phenomenon affects all higher education institutions, but particularly career-oriented schools that have organized their curriculum to meet the needs of a diverse range of students. DeVry University, for example, which has 68 locations in 20 states and Canada, offers classes year-round on a three-semester schedule, enabling students to earn bachelor's degrees in three years or less. The intense academic calendar requires a level of commitment that some may regard as atypical. However, highly motivated students, who are anxious to complete degrees and join the workforce, can benefit from the rigor of uninterrupted study and the accelerated schedule. And for those facing challenges and pressures in their lives, being able to begin earning a living a year sooner can have tremendous advantages.

With America facing great challenges at home and abroad, education provides an essential backbone - one that should be supported and continuously strengthened. Ensuring and expanding access to higher education must be a top priority. We urge members of Congress to act now to help make this possible.

get a bachelor's degree. But the law does say that students who complete degrees in less time are not eligible for as much federal student financial assistance. With the Higher Education Act up for reauthorization this year, Congress has the opportunity to address this troubling inequity and improve the lives of many college students.

Pell Grants provide college students a maximum of \$4,050 per year, regardless of the pace at which they work toward degrees. For students who complete college in the traditional four years, this can mean more than \$16,000 in grant aid. But for students who compress their workload and graduate in three years, it means only about \$12,000 - even though they'll likely incur the same overall tuition costs as their four-year counterparts. Why should hard work be penalized?

Under the current system, Pell Grants only pay for two academic semesters per year. This means students who enroll in a third semester have no Pell Grant to help pay their tuition. Providing a third semester Pell Grant would benefit all students, including gifted students attending traditional colleges. With an additional Pell Grant, anyone who wishes to accelerate their coursework could continue studies year-round and



Kathleen Therese Meany

Meany to speak at Parthenon


Kathleen Therese Meany, vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will be honored on Thursday, May 13, 2004. The event will take place at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 S. Halsted St. from 5-7 pm.

Meany was elected to the MWRD in 1990 and reelected in 1996 and 2002. She has been vice president of the District since 1994.

The vice president has been a teacher for many years, with the City Colleges of Chicago, where she teaches Political Science. She holds a bachelor of arts from Roosevelt University and a master's degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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Drugs are a problem in more ways than one

Across America a movement is afoot to pass laws legalizing drug re-importation from Canada.

Here in Illinois, we are not immune from this movement. Governor Rod Blagojevich, is considering a pilot program to allow drug re-importation for the state's employee and retiree health plans and the states prisons and mental hospitals. Unfortunately, Blagojevich's plan is likely bring long-term pain to the people of Illinois.

Despite its allure, drug re-importation is unlikely to result in permanent cost savings. Drug companies export to foreign countries, such as Canada, at a lower price than they charge domestically both because of foreign government imposed price controls and lower per-capita incomes. In response, U.S. drug companies are likely to either raise export prices or simply limit drug exports to Canada.

More significantly, drug re-importation could discourage research and devel-

opment (R&D) of new life savings drugs. Through the use of patent laws, drug companies commit significant resources to R&D, a high-cost venture where much of the money is spent on drugs that never see the light of day. U.S. drug companies spend over \$30 billion a year on R&D, but it's estimated that only 1 in 5000 treatments tested makes it to the market.

With patent protection and the ability to set market prices for drugs, U.S. drug companies are the world leader's in developing new life saving drugs. Today alone, these innovations, which account for but 10% of total health costs, have lowered the overall cost of healthcare by reducing surgery and hospitalization. Without patent protections, many of these life saving drugs, that politicians wish to re-import, wouldn't exist.

Even scarier is the notion that not all drugs re-imported through Canada are those of U.S. drug companies. Many

of these drugs are low-cost, cheap counterfeits that are unsafe and ineffective.

Drug re-importation is an unwise political idea that could undermine drug safety, undercut patent protection, squeeze drug firm profits, and most importantly discourage R&D, thereby discouraging the development of new life saving drugs.

Fans help raise more than \$110,000

The Chicago Bulls and Verizon Wireless hosted over 500 Bulls fans at the 15th annual FestaBulls dinner auction on Thursday, March 25. Held at the team's training facility in Deerfield, this year's event raised over \$110,000 for CharitaBulls, the charity arm of the Chicago Bulls.

The evening had live and silent auctions as well as the opportunity for Bulls fans to get up close and personal with their favorite players. The entire team was on hand to sign autographs, mingle with guests and bid on autographed items from their own favorite NBA stars.

All proceeds from FestaBulls benefit CharitaBulls, the non-profit organization formed by the Bulls in 1987. Since then, CharitaBulls has distributed tens of millions of dollars in support of educational and recreational activities for Chicago's youth. Among its many beneficiaries are Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Public Library, Chicago

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Park District, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago and a number of local non-profit organizations.

2nd Annual Zooming For Zach

Motorcycles ride towards a cure

The 2nd annual Zooming for Zach will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2004 in Evergreen Park. This is motorcycle ride to benefit the Gus Foundation. The Gus Foundation is dedicated to providing hope for children with brain tumors by advancing the Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago as a leader for research and treatment.

The Evergreen Park connection is a child Zachary Dineen who passed away in July 2002 of a brain tumor. He was nine years old. Friends and family have organized Zooming for Zach in his memory to support research for a cure so other kids can be spared similar fates. The ride registration is 8-9:30am and starts at 10am at Northwest Elementary School 92nd and Millard to Kankakee State Park. Cost is \$20 per rider or \$30 per couple. Call Sharon 708-499-4072 for registration or added information. Make checks payable to The Gus Foundation.

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Because May is Skin Cancer Prevention Month, Advocate Christ Medical Center will be offering free screenings for skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States. The screenings will be held Wednesday, May 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Christ Medical Center's Adult Medicine Center, 4440 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The Adult Medicine Center is located on the medical center's first floor near outpatient registration. Dermatologists will examine moles and skin lesions for possible precancerous and cancerous changes. Participants may want to wear a bathing suit under their clothes to easily

expose the area to be examined.

Registration is required because appointments are limited. To register, call Christ Medical Center's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622) and mention Code #1C10.

Christ Medical Center is a 662-bed institution that is part of the Advocate Health Care system. The medical center is the Chicago area's largest and most comprehensive provider of heart care and is nationally recognized for its use of innovative technologies and advanced procedures in the treatment of heart disease. Cancer care, pediatrics, care of high-risk mothers and infants, women's health services and general surgery are other specialties for which Christ Medical Center is noted.

Screening on Wednesday

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street,

St. Francis to host program for busy mothers

If you're a busy mom who takes care of everyone but yourself, St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island wants to help you restore balance in your life.

During a special program called Celebrating Mothers Saturday, May 8, health and wellness experts from St. Francis will help busy moms learn about balance, relaxation and good health - in less time than it takes to do the laundry!

"Whether you're a working mom or a stay-at-home mom, every mom usually has time for everyone but herself," says Laura Yurisich, M.S., health promotion coordinator at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. "Celebrating Mothers will focus on ways to relax and how to enjoy quality time through exercise, meditation, journaling and scrapbooking. It's a perfect Mother's Day gift for busy moms."

Workshop participants will discover specific wellness tools and exercises like Yoga, Pilates, neuromuscular integrative action (NIA), journaling, scrapbooking and more. The workshop also includes a healthy brunch, program materials and raffle prizes. Cost is \$10. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the program from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8.

For more information or to register for Celebrating Mothers at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, 12935 S. Gregory in Blue Island, call 708-385-4433.

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For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Medical Center, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for May 4th:

I use Numerology w/Astrology, (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi")...go to TheDailyPsychic.Com and you can also visit JackiMari.Com & Sherlockjacki.com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: If you actually cannot (for some reason) make up your own mind, then appoint someone else to do it for you. It's important!

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: No doubt about it, there is a lot of mystery around you, people acting strangely and dreams coming true. C involved and a K.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is not a week to play at speculating about spending money, time and effort. Start up a new plan of action. L helps.

Numi says: I see people coming into your life who say one thing but won't follow through.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: A new job offer could come your way. This may be for you a once in a lifetime opportunity. Think then act...F helps. Ask.

Numi says: If I grant you 3 wishes what would they be? For yourself or for others?

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: If your dreams are repeating themselves it means you are not getting the message. Try to write down those dreams.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You might be in for some real surprises, such as hearing about someone's good fortune, better health, etc. M and K help.

Numi says: You can't fool yourself you know. Something is demanding to be set free!

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Another week to decide: i.e., whether to stay or go, move or totally relocate. The answer comes in a dream. Listen! W aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Someone tells you that they have found a way to help you. Speak up for your needs. You have everything to gain.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: A person of authority comes to your aid in a dispute. You seem healthier, happier and a bit richer too. L/K and R help if asked.

Numi says: The strange lights you see are angels visiting you. Be happy!

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My Psychic Observations & Insights:

Visions

"Words" cannot possibly describe some of the visions I get concerning people. People from every country and/or connected with "causes" of all kinds come into my senses and I cringe at the plight of their victims. If I were God I would first wipe out all sickness, disease, poverty and pain. Then I would wipe out all the anger and need to control others using terrorist actions. I would make everyone able to afford decent housing and to eat good food. Does this sound impossible to you? No! It is possible, but it would necessitate that people themselves not adulterate my efforts with their greed and need to take power over the innocent, the ignorant, the sick and the needy. When we are sick, needy, or being terrorized we feed the "power-mongers." They thrive on our fears and our needs. My visions tell me that we must no longer allow ourselves to be used, abused and ripped off financially by leaders talking out of both sides of their mouths. Think hard before you vote! But vote!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Mothers Day programs at OL Park Dist.

Oak Lawn offers special Mother's Day activities through the Oak Lawn Park District.

A Parent & Child dance will be held Friday May 7, from 7 to 9pm at the Oak View Center (OVC), located at 4825 W. 110th St. It includes a DJ, refreshments and balloon drop. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per OL couple and \$30 non-resident couple.

On May 8, Mon and others can help Friends of the Chicago River clean up Stony Creek from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, located at 109th St. and Laramie Ave.

Sign up by May 4, and receive an event t-shirt.

Take Mon to an elegant brunch at Stony Creek Clubhouse on Sunday, May 9, from 10 to 1pm. Make reservation at 708-867-2433. Adults \$12.95, children under 10 \$6.95 After brunch take in ice skating at the Oak Lawn Ice Area. Moms are free with a paying child. Open skate is 1:30-2:50pm.

Brunch for Mother's Day at Hilton

Oak Lawn Hilton hosts Mother's Day Champaign Brunch, May 9 from 10:30-2:30 in the Grand and Astoria ballrooms. Adults are \$33.95, children 6-12, \$14.95 and toddlers 3-5 are \$7.95. Reservations are required. Call 708-229-8850. This is non-smoking.

Regular Sunday breakfast buffet in Whitney's is 7 to 10:45am. Adults- \$12.95, children under 7-\$6.95. No reservations will be taken.

Mother's Day Brunch at Willowbrook

Bring the whole family!

Mothers, grandmothers, wives, daughters, granddaughters and the rest of the family are invited to Willowbrook Ballroom's lavish Mother's Day Brunch from noon - 4 p.m. Sunday, May 9, at the legendary ballroom located at 8900 S. Archer Ave, Willow Springs.

This debut event is an answer to the crowded restaurants and hotel brunches. A lavish buffet will be presented in the Willowbrook Room that includes complimentary champagne, appetizers, cold salads, hot breakfast and luncheon items, carved meats and a sweet table.

The Thomas Gunther Trio will provide live musical entertainment.

The cost of this event is \$39.95 for adults, \$19.95 for children ages 6 - 12. (These prices do not include tax.) Reservations are required.

For more information, call the ballroom at (708) 839-1000.

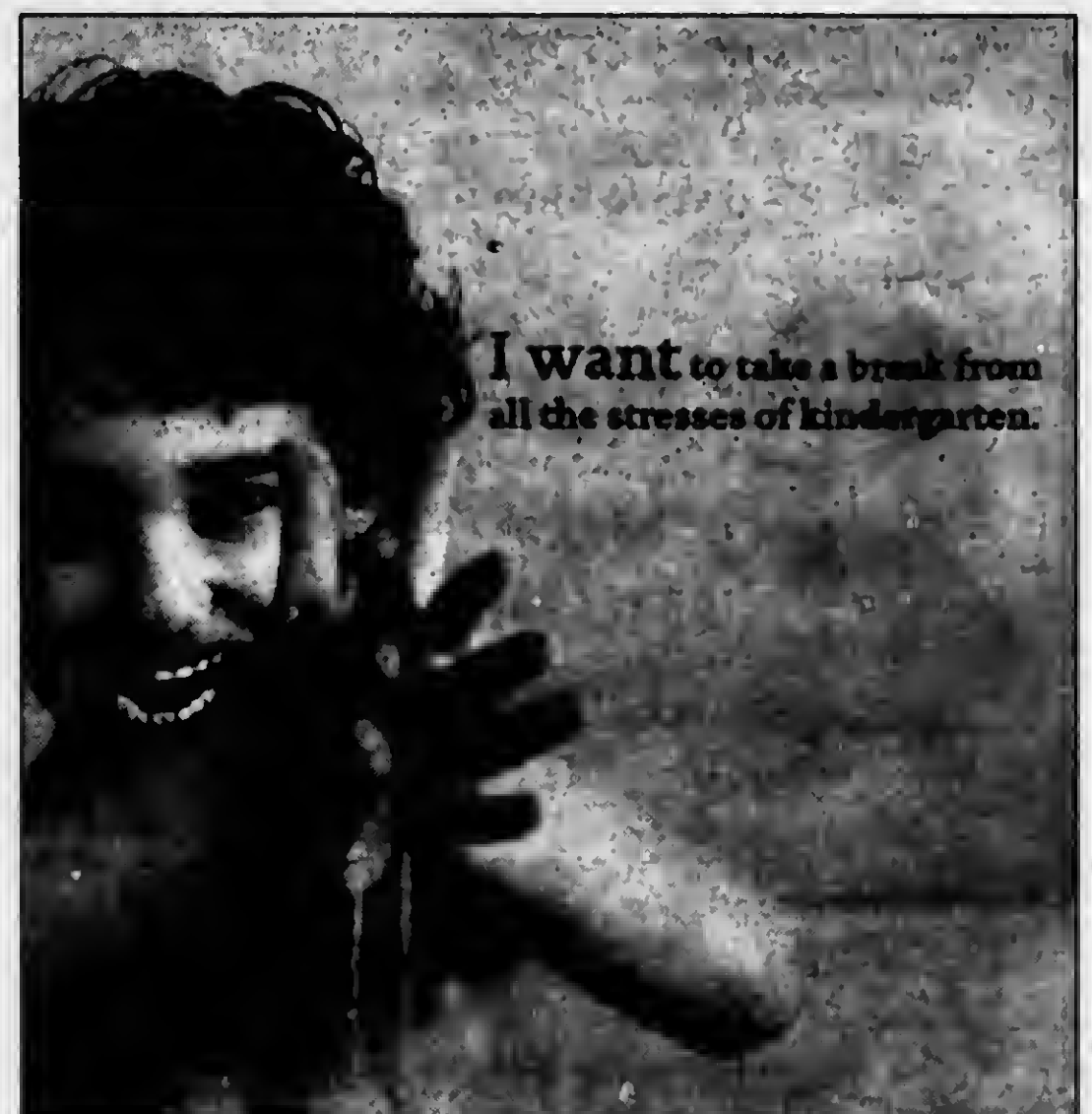
Another brunch

Celebrate Mother's Day at Coco Pazzo, in River North (300 W. Hubbard St., 312-836-0900).

Executive chef Tony Priolo has created a selection of exquisite specials available only for dinner on May 9, in addition to the regular menu.

Be sure to make a reservation ahead of time to enjoy a special dinner and avoid the wait. Call (312) 836-0900. Invite your mother to Coco Pazzo for the ultimate dining experience in Chicago.

Coco Pazzo is open for lunch from 11:30-2:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Dinner is served 5:30-10:30 p.m., M-Th; 5:30-11 p.m. F & S; 5-10 p.m. Sunday.



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Happy Mother's Day

For Mom

For keepsake: Pretty things to remind mom of you. Thoughtful gifts touch Mom's heart. Carson's suggests pearl earrings, charm bracelets with a sentimental charm or two, special keepsake boxes or even a Nine West charm handbag.

Summertime is the time for being outside, and outdoor entertaining calls for

something a little different: Fun, festive dinnerware, bright, bold drinkware that can survive a fall or two and citronella candles to keep the mosquitoes away. Mom will love a few new pieces to help make summertime entertaining extra fun. Carson's suggests LivingQuarters Pop to Go, a collection of acrylic drinkware, serveware, lighting, baskets, furniture and

more.

Gorgeous earrings just for her! Chandelier earrings, those dangly, elaborate styles that appear in all the fashion magazines, are the style of the moment. Mom will be

thrilled with a gift that tells her she's not just a mom; she's a fashion-forward trendsetter! Carson's has many styles to choose from including rhinestones and faux gemstones.

A Mother's Day Prayer

We will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9. Women strive for positions of power but motherhood is, by far, the most powerful. A woman is born with the privilege of being able to carry a child beneath her heart. A newborn child is an awesome sight. Motherhood is not for all women but these women have the opportunity to be a part of a child's development by role modeling. Sadly, some women choose to conduct themselves in a negative manner by their dress, speech and behavior.

I extend a wish for a Mother's Day filled with peace and love to all mothers, grandmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, teachers and all others in the role of a mother. I also extend a thank you to all of them for their sacrifices and love. A prayer of comfort goes to all the mothers who have lost a child due to an illness, an accident or a war. They should be assured that their child is smiling down on them and engulfing them in their arms with all the love once given to them. In addition, the mothers who are no longer with us are missed but

are kept lovingly in our hearts.

"Mary, Mother of God and our heavenly Mother, please intercede with your Son Jesus to bless all mothers on their special day. Enlighten them, guide them, grant them patience and strength in these uncertain times." Happy Mother's Day!

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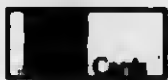


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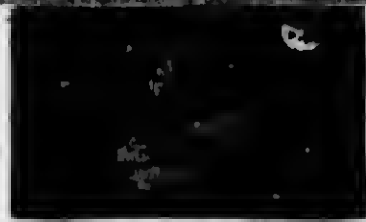
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John P. Sweeney, chairman of the board of trustees presents Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D. as the 17th President of St. Xavier University.

St. Xavier University presents their 17th president

by Annette Dixon

On April 23, 2004, Dr. Judith A. Dwyer was inaugurated as the first lay woman in the history of St. Xavier University, which was founded in 1846 by Sister Mary Frances Xavier Warde, R.S.M. and five other Sisters of Mercy. When the school received its charter in 1847, it was one of the first institutions of higher learning in Illinois, and the first Mercy College in the United States.

Dr. Dwyer's speech was focused on inclusion of community and the call to service. The focus of education and service within the compounds of St. Xavier University campus will continue in the same venue of the previous administration.

In August 2003, Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D. became the 17th president and assumed her duties on October 1, 2003, in the St. Xavier fashion, the inauguration took place on April 23rd and was presented by the board of trustees at this University.

Under Dr. Dwyer's guidance and past experience St. Xavier will continue to be a leader in education. The Orland Park campus is growing in attendance and the focus of social needs is quite evident at both campuses. Dr. Dwyer pledges to continue with the direction the Sisters of Mercy started in 1847, which was focusing on excellence in education, fundraising, visibility for St. Xavier college and attending to the social needs of the community.

Mount Carmel alumni banquet to be held

The 68th annual alumni banquet of Mount Carmel High school, Chicago will be held May 7 at the Rosewood west, 131st and Cicero in Crestwood. The classes of 1954 and 1979 will be honored.

For tickets call 773-324-2834. They are \$40 in advance. Man of the year award will be presented to 1964 graduate Neil Kuenn a resident of Palos Hills and a partner in the Law Firm Keeley, Kuenn & Reid. Humanitarian awards will be presented to Fr. Gavin Quinn, O. Carm, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Darien and Matt Smith a 1947 graduate and teacher at Mt. Carmel for 53 years.

Evergreen Park Seniors to meet

OCS announces the Senior Citizens' Council general meeting May 20 will feature Lt. Wayne Gutkowski speaking on dangers facing senior citizens. The Council meeting is in the Community center, 3450 W 97th at 10am. All are welcome. Senior Center Week is the third week of May. Open house is every day so stop in and see your center. In conjunction, it is time to increase awareness of exercise programs. There will be a senior survival workshop on May 18 (10am to noon). Call 422-8776 for reservations or for information on exercise programs or line dancing.

We thank you from the OCS to volunteer income tax counselors who provided services to 500+ seniors. They are Madeline Cassi, Al McElroy, Earl Hanisch, and Rich Lynch, Harry O Sullivan, Francis Hartnett, Tony Gallo and James Seamons. Many have served for over 8 years.

Trips planned are May 26: day at Arlington Park (\$60); June 29: Bavarian Inn & Germantown (\$58). Tickets may be purchased at OCS.

Trip announced

Summit Park District announces trips to Tunica, Mis-

issippi (September 13-16, 2004); the Meskwaki Casino in Tama, Iowa for July 8-9, 2004; Windsor and Niagara Falls August 2, 2004 and Tunica-Biloxi-New Orleans in October 24, 2004. For reservations call SPD at 708-496-1012 during business hours 7am to 3:30. SPD is located at 5700 South Archer Road, Summit, IL 60511. Trips are filling up fast.

SPD announces a "Flea Market in the Park" on Saturday June 12, 2004 from 10am to 4pm. Cost for a 10x10 space is \$10 and you must bring your own table. Register at the SPD office.

SPD is looking for a person (over 21) to work in the kitchen and prepare food for summer program children and counselors, Monday through Friday, beginning Monday June 7th through July 30th. Hours are 9am to 1pm and salary range \$6.50-\$7.00. Call or come to the office to fill an application.

Beverly Area planning Association holds 34th Annual Beverly-Morgan Park Home Tour May 16 from 11am to 3pm. The tour leaves from the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. Chicago. Cost is \$25 in advance. Call 773-233-3100.

Letter to the editor

On Thursday evening, March 25, a volleyball tournament took place at the Evergreen Park Community High school. Patrick Flannigan, teacher of a service learning class, spearheaded the event. The students acting as a volunteer unit brought together more volunteers, staff from school Districts 231 & 124, and the EPPD and EPFD all meeting on the court to raise funds for the OCS and Youth Departments.

All are to be applauded for their community spirit. We understand something special took place this night in our high school gym-the volunteer spirit being instilled in our students and reinforced in their elders drawn together for a common goal.

On behalf of the Village Administration thank you for a winning combination! The proceeds raised are truly appreciated.

Jolene Churak: Director OCS

Editors Note: It is nice to see all working together for common good.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Jim Wargo, representing the firm of the Village's attorney, Klein, Thorp, & Jenkins, Ltd. PETITIONED THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO PASS 04-4 TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO DELETE ALL REFERENCES CONCERNING COOK SCHOOL, VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN.

The planning and development commission consisting of John Collins, chairman; and commissioners Donald Anderson, Gary Callahan, Leonard Kosinski, and Margaret Marneris (absent members included Jack Begley, Wayne Gray, Quinn Mucker, and Jay Walker) voted unanimously without discussion to pass the petition. The planning and development commission attorney, Michael B. Stillman was also absent with an attorney friend of his sitting in for him - the friend

left before I could get his name.

This was supposed to be a public hearing for it was posted on the bulletin board in the Village Hall as such, but there were no public comments invited and the substitute attorney did not call for such before the vote. I stated before adjournment that the Cook School was to be the cultural and focal point of Oak Lawn according to the Comprehensive Plan of 1997. Mr. James Webb, community and business development director stated that the comprehensive plan was fluid and could be changed.

If this is true, why go to the trouble and time to delete the name of Cook School? Does it have something to do with legality? People will still remember even if the name is deleted. Why is there such a plan if we are not going to use it? Why did we pay for the plan if we are not

going to follow it? Does the Village administration vacillate this much on other business? Is this correct procedure that an ordinance is passed, then overlooked, and then deleted from the ordinance? More questions than answers.

The Board of Trustees passed the petition on April 13, 2004 with Acting Mayor, Ronald Stancik, Trustee Wm. Keane, W. Hurckes, MargorieAnn Joy, Steven Rosenbaum, voting unanimously for deletion of the name of Cook School from the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Robert Streit

was absent.

I was chastised for the article by the Planning and Development Commission on April 19, 2004. Among other comments, Attorney Stillman stated that he is President of the Board of Education, District 218 and had to attend that meeting instead of the P & D meeting. I did report it as it happened and the questions were mine. The commissioners also said they were all hard working, etc. I am sorry if I offended them, I was just stating what happened and my questions concerning it.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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LESSONS FROM THE RAIN



The spate of bad weather we've been experiencing lately reminds me of a horrific storm that swept through our area many years ago.

Our eldest daughter, Jaime, was about 5 years old, at the time, and absolutely terrified of thunderstorms.

On that sunny, summer's afternoon the sky suddenly turned dark as midnight, followed by torrential rains and powerful winds that shook our tiny frame house.

Jaime sat in the middle of the frontroom floor covering her head as streaks of rain and golf ball sized hail angrily pelted the windows with maddening force.

Through her frightened tears she said something I'll never forget. "I wish I could be a tree." I knew right away where she was going with that one.

Being a tree meant she'd never have to be scared or worried. It would mean she'd never have to be fearful of anything because trees don't have feelings therefore they cannot be hurt.

The raging storm, that afternoon, didn't last very long. Before we knew it the sun came out and the beauty of a rainbow arched its way across our home and

beyond. The smile quickly came back to my daughter's face as she realized that, with the passing of the storm, we were no longer in harm's way.

In times of stress it would seem easier to opt for the emotion free shelter of being planted in the ground, like a tree.

But, that is not the way the human heart is made to operate. It was also a good lesson to teach my little girl. If not for pain how could we ever know joy? If not for heartbreak how would we ever appreciate true love? If we never had to cry how would we know the wondrous gift of laughter?

Sooner or later, you come to realize that it's the very challenges and set backs that test our courage—it's the adversity that builds character. It's what makes us who we are.

Life is at its sweetest when we survive the sorrows.

The tornado that recently ripped through Utica, Illinois left death and destruction in its wake.

The wicked weather is a sobering reminder that you never know, from one day to the next, what devastation you may be forced to deal with.

In time, Utica and the surrounding area will begin the process of rebuilding their community. Healing will take place.

When mother nature whips us into a frenzy of fright, the people in its path will experience the tension of a tornado's aftermath and incredibly a sea of humanity will rise from the disaster, to lift each other up.

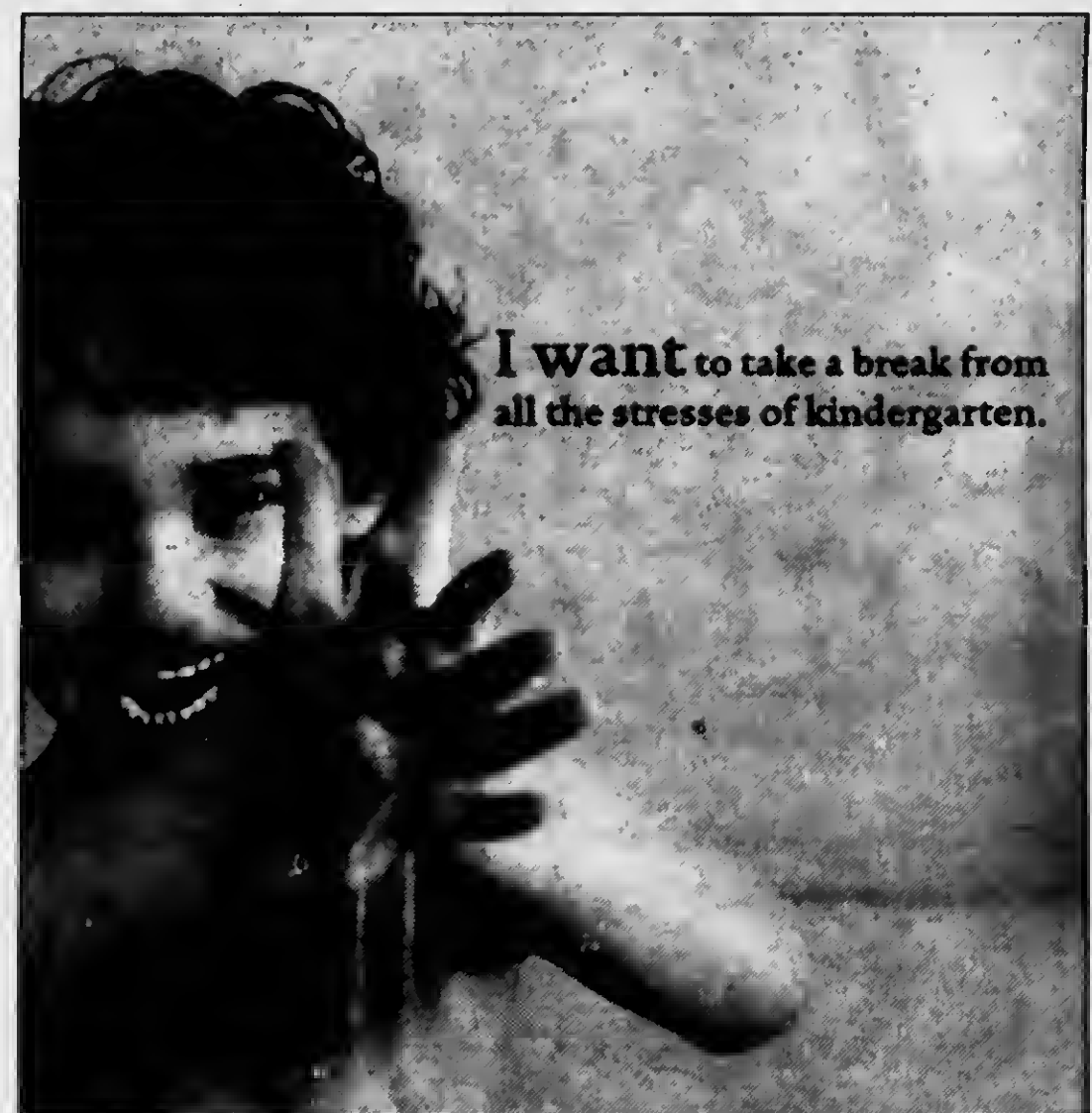
As long as we keep in mind that the rainbows of life will always follow the dark skies of uncertainty, then the beauty of life will go on, in gratitude, that we are capable of surviving in strength and hope.

Once upon a time, a mid-summer's storm once caused an anxious little girl to wish to be a tree, an immediate childlike solution to be free of life's pain and suffering.

Life as a tree we shall never see - and thankfully so.

Without some gloom there would be no room for glory, and no reason for the bonding that takes place when people are only too willing to conquer treacherous times with faith and love.

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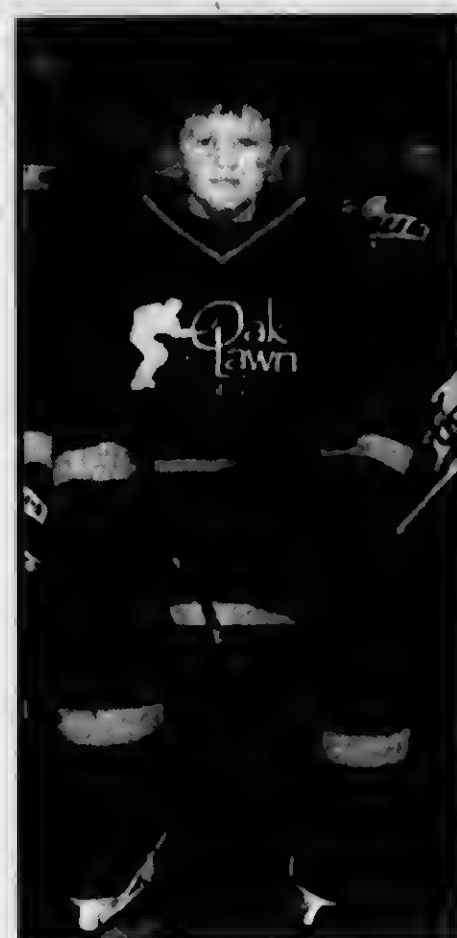
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Marty Michaels, 13 Oak Lawn Canucks

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Oak Lawn hockey player plays overseas.

Bantam hockey player Marty Michaels, 13, of Chicago headed for Sweden in March.

Michaels a 7th grader at Southerland Elementary School is a member of the

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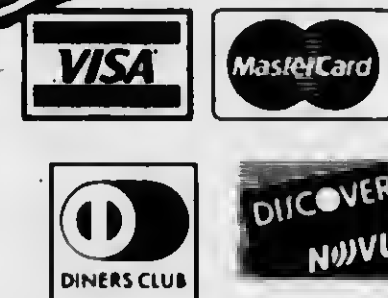
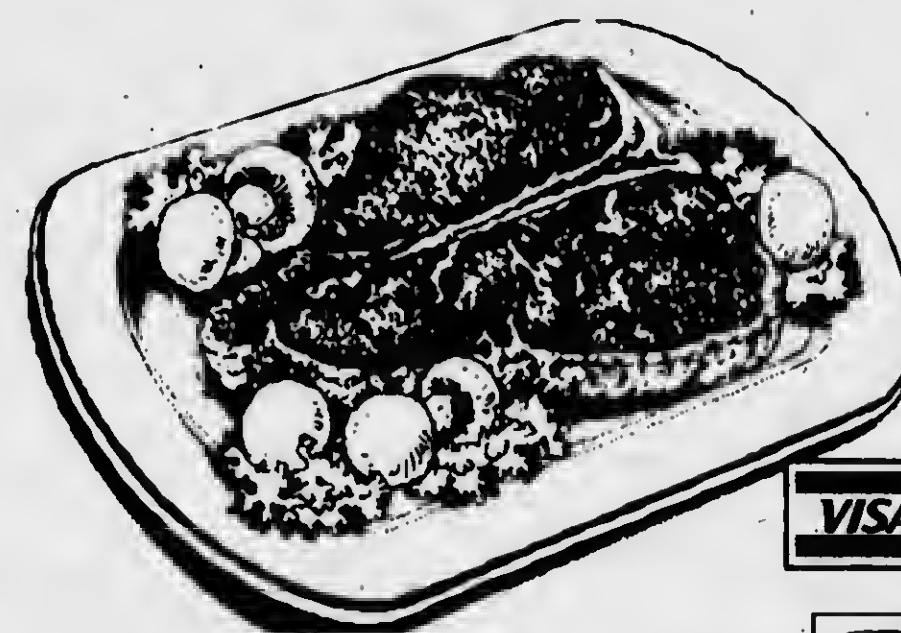
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2 To assemble the salad, peel, pit and slice 4-5 seedless oranges into rounds. Halve, pit, peel and thinly slice 2-3 avocados. Divide 8 ounces baby arugula leaves between individual salad plates. Top with oranges and avocados. Spoon dressing over salad.

3 Enjoy!

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Serves 8

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Salt Creek Ballet presents Sleeping Beauty

Salt Creek Ballet presents the Classical Russian staging of the Sleeping Beauty at McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd, Glen Ellyn on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at 2 and 7pm. Call the box office at 630-942-4000 for tickets.

The treasured classic, complete with a beautiful princess, a dream prince and fairies comes to life in the performance of this enchanting ballet based on the well-known fairy tale.

Salt Creek Ballet, established in 1985, began as a vision of Artistic Director, Patricia Sigurdson. Her training and professional experience was at the Royal Ballet in London, New York with Robert Joffrey, American Ballet Theater and Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Sigurdson, trained an exceptional group of talented young dancers and believed the suburbs would benefit from and support a classically trained dance company.

Salt Creek Ballet earned a reputation for excellence in dance performance and educational programming through Chicagoland and beyond. Its husband and wife team as Artistic Director and Assistant Artistic Director and Director of the School are Serge Kozadayev and Zhanna Dubrovskaya. They were born in St. Petersburg, Russia, trained there and reflect the performing arts in Russian ballet.

Guest star artists for the performance are Alexander Kozadayev from Russia and Katherine Bruno and have won numerous acclaims for their dancing around the world. The cast also includes 70 plus dancers from the sub-

urban counties giving young performers a chance to perform the classics. Sleeping

Beauty has not been performed in the Chicagoland area for many years.

Rhone and Alsace France introduce their vineyards to wine tasters

by Annette Dixon

Recently at the Carlton Ritz Hotel, USA Sopexa introduced wine from the regions of Cotes du Rhone and Alsace. The regions mentioned are south of Montelimar, France and north of Avignon, which the river Rhone flows through Vienne to Avignon. Within this region the river carved out hills and vales and the soil is from residue which left the earth with clay, sand and stone slopes. Vineyards at the foot of the mountain side in the village of Cairanne date back to the 15th century and a private owner of Cave De Cairanne, in my opinion, has the most fragrant, floral, fruity bouquet for my taste buds.

Frederic Pacaut from France gave me a taste of Basileus-Vin Doux Naturel. This was some of the best of wine the Cotes du Rhone region has and produced by a small vineyard. Mr. Frederic Pacaut can be reached by email: f.pacaut@cave-cairanne.fr

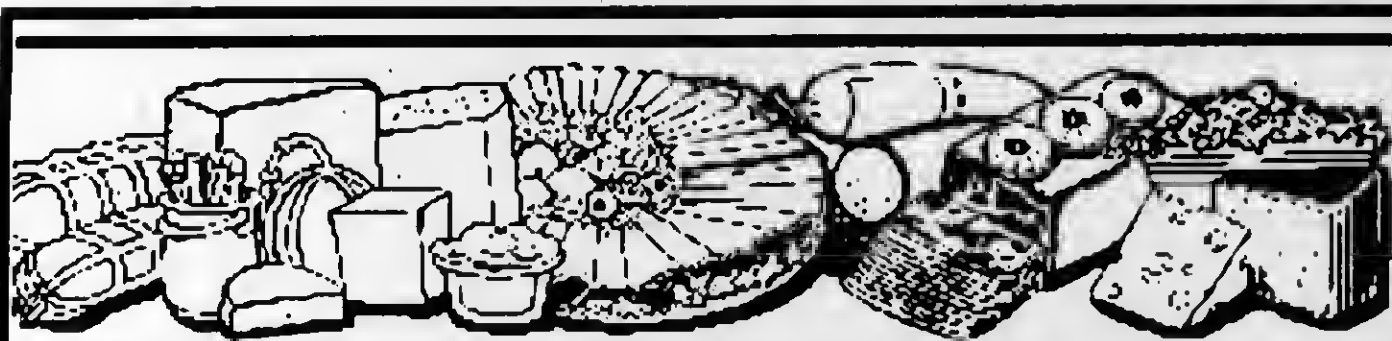
Another location in France is in the Alsace region, the wines take their name from the grape's variety from which they are made and not from their terroir. The Tokey Pinot Gris Cornier which is a rich full bodied wine with some woodland aromas would be great with cheese and appetizers. Ettienne Loew is the producer and Domaine Loew, Vins De Terroirs et Grand Cru was another wine which held my interest. The company importer is Josulete Wines Inc., 26547

Grand River, Redford, MI 48240 or telephone at (313) 538-5609. Some of the other wineries that represented the Alsace region were Domaine Weinbach, which had a smooth tasty Riesling Grand Cru Schlossberg. Their product can be purchased in all the finer wine distributors in the Chicago area. The importer is Vineyard Brands, 2000 Resource Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242, telephone (205) 980 8802.

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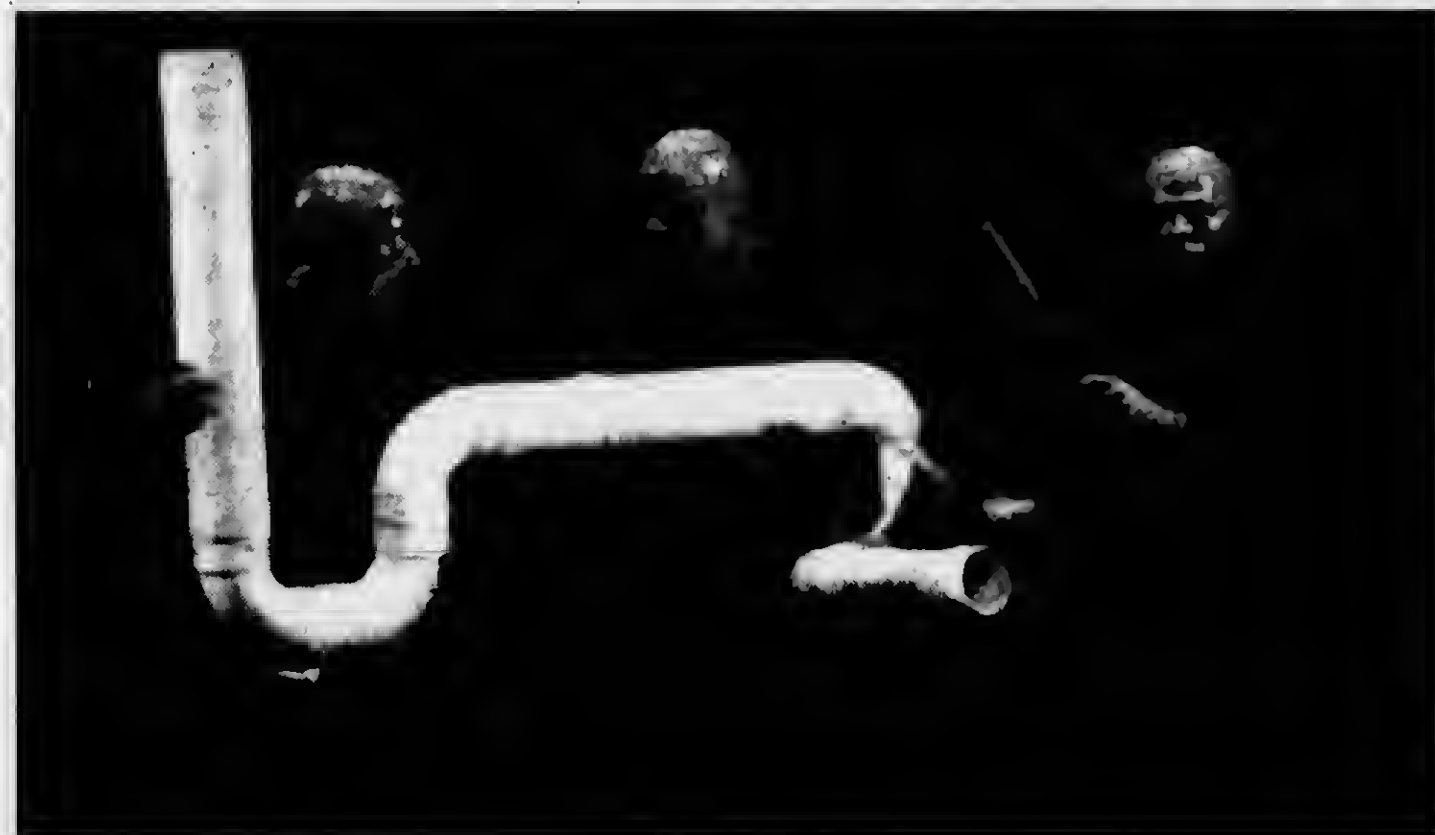
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Blue Man Group on stage

An experience with three blue men

By Linda Du Puy

From the moment you walk through the door, you know that this will be no ordinary show. The lobby reflects the trademark PVC tubing that Blue Man Group has made famous for more than drainage pipes.

I had heard positive and negative remarks regarding the show, so I went open minded. I found the show to be innovative, interesting, "off the wall": at times and funny.

Not a word is spoken by the three bald, blue headed men, but the body language

and intensity of their eyes told their stories loud and clear.

The combination of color, lighting effects and music melded together into a well choreographed multimedia extravaganza.

Any medium is fair game; marshmallows, drums, crepe paper, spin art, flip signs, spinning and colored tubes, whipped cream, and paint balls, to name a few, with a camera crew and screen on hand so that you don't miss a thing.

There is no intermission,

and you are warned by LCD signs to take care of business a head of time. Audience participation is initiated prior to the actual performance. By the way, don't be late-special notice is taken of latecomers!

This is a show for those who want to be included. Don't go if you want to relax and chill to the soothing sound of cool jazz-There's non of that here!

If you like variety, twists and turns and enjoy using your imagination, whatever your age, you won't be bored!

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. A committee is gathering names of graduates from all classmates that have attended St., Martin or St. Anne from State through Halsted. The committee has been organized so that many different graduating classes will be represented.

If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.

Summer Registration in full swing at South Suburban College

Registration for the Summer 2004 semester at South Suburban College is in progress. Students can now register in-person at the College's New Student Center. Online and Touch Tone Registration for Summer is also available at www.southsuburbancollege.edu and 708-210-5700. Additionally, the College now offers a registration alcove that is equipped with computers and telephones for registration purposes only, just down the hall from the New Student Center on the second floor of the Main Campus.

Fall Online and Touch Tone Registration begins April 6, and Fall In-person Registration begins on May 3.

SSC's tuition rate per credit hour is \$64 for in-district, \$220 for out-of-district, \$73 for Lake County, IN and Chicago Regional, and \$275 for out-of-state/foreign.

For more information call the New Student Center at 708-210-5718. South Suburban College is located at 15800 S. State Street, South Holland, IL.



Pictured, left to right, are members of the Richards High School Jazz Combo and Jazz Ensemble: Front row — Ben Leslie, Michelle Summers, Kaitlin Fleharty, Mike Piane, Scott Hanks, Walter Hampton. Middle row — Stefanie Wycislak, Matt Mudon, Elizabeth Hudson, Ian Lee, Nick Martin, George Gavrilos, Josiah Hampton. Back row — band director Charles Martin, Jeff Wycislak, Kristen Weibel, Katie Hudson, Sarah Brett, Elise Biggers, Joe Nowinski, Kyle Klimek, Mike Kordas, Bob Habersat, Kyle Taylor. Not pictured are Mitchell Stanley and Mark Skala.

Richards jazz bands excel at Chicago Area Jazz Festival

The Jazz Combo from Richards High School earned a Division 1 rating, the highest possible grade, from judges at the Chicago Area Jazz Festival hosted by Thornton Fractional South High School.

Bob Habersat (Oak Lawn) was selected as best soloist and Nick Martin (Oak Lawn) was selected as best section player. Other members of the Jazz Combo are Elise Biggers, Josiah Hampton, Walter Hampton and Mike Paine.

Additionally, the Jazz Ensemble from Richards earned a Division 1 rating. Nick Martin was selected best soloist and Bob Habersat was selected as best section player.

Charles Martin, an Oak Lawn resident, is the director of the instrumental music program at Richards. Richards bands have won numerous awards during the 2003-2004 school year. The program's individual awards included the following students' selection to the South Inter-Conference Association Honors Band: Allison Brett, Katie Hudson, Nicole Mynarich, Nick Martin, Bob Habersat, Stefanie Wycislak, and Kristen Weibel.



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Entertainment & FYI

by Marijo Doody

Remy Bumppo Theater announces 2004 benefit

Remy Bumppo Theater Company announces 2004 benefit on Sunday, May 23 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at Pops for Champagne, 2934 N. Sheffield Ave.

The afternoon begins with a cocktail hour during which guests can browse the silent auction tables while enjoying a glass of champagne and live music by pianist Joe Krieger. At 1pm a lavish sit down brunch follows with entertainment by Remy Bumppo Artistic Associates.

An anonymous donor enables the Company to maximize matching gifts for \$25,000 in new donations. All proceeds from the benefit support the production and programs of Remy Bumppo Theater Company. Regular tickets are \$75 and Patron tickets are \$100. Patron ticket holders have a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate to Bistrot Margot.

For more information or to purchase tickets call Remy Bumppo Theater Company at 773-244-8119. Remy Bumppo Theater Company delights and engages audiences with the emotional and ethical complexities of society through the provocative power of great theatrical language.



Chicago Shakespeare Theater announces summer plays

LaSalle Bank family festival of plays on Navy pier for July and August are a new musical adaptation of Peter Pan (celebrating the 100th anniversary of the original staging) and a short Shakespeare! Midsummer Night's Dream.

Peter Pan begins July 9 and Midsummer Night's Dream on July 15.

Second city's Romeo & Juliet musical reunite with Chicago Shakespeare Theater opening May 14 in the theater Upstairs at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. It runs through August 15, 2004. For tickets call the box office at 312-595-5600.

Chicago Symphony tours Berlin

CSO Music Director Daniel Barenboim lead

members of the CSO on a week tour to Berlin and presented three performances as part of the Berlin's eight annual Festtage, the annual Easter-week music festival established by Barenboim in 1996. The concerts were performed in the Berlin Philharmonie hall. This is the sixth appearance at the Festtage and the ninth visit to Berlin.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association (CSOA) announced two staff positions and one addition to the administrative team. Kevin Giglinto is promoted to Vice president of Sales and Marketing, Charles Grode is promoted to Director of Education, Community Relations and Diversity and Christina Nahabedian joins CSOA as Director of Marketing. Giglinto joined CSOA administrative team in 1999 and redesigned the Web site that added significantly to sales and was promoted to Director of Marketing. Grode joined CSOA administrative team in 1998.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra guest conductors in May are Christopher Von Dohnanyi, Mariss Jansons (with Barenboim as soloist) and a TBA.

Adler is the best place to see and learn about Mars

Mars rocks exhibit and activities present the Martian surface in nearly real time. Visitors can get an up close look at a full-scale replica of the Mars Expedition Rover and drive a simulator. Spirit, the first NASA rover has landed on Mars and provides the most advanced photographs of the Red planet. This runs through May 31, 2004.

Museum hours are Monday-Friday: 9:30am-4:30pm. Saturday-Sunday 9am-4:30pm. On the first Friday of each month special programs are offered with extended hours 5pm-10pm. Mars Rocks Package is \$18 for all. Members are \$5.

Rent returned to the Shubert Theater

Early May brought the return of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning landmark American musical Rent. Inspired by Puccini's La Boheme, Rent is a joyous, breathtaking and often bittersweet musical that celebrates a community of artists as they struggle with hopes and dreams in today's world. The show received its world premier off-Broadway on February 13, 1996 to ecstatic reviews. It surpassed Fiddler on the Roof to become the 10th longest running show in Broadway history.

Museum of Science and Industry brings blues to the City.

MSI announces that Sweet Home Chicago big city blues 1946-1966 will run through June 20, 2004. Using interactive displays and artifacts, Sweet Home Chicago illustrates important events in blues history. It investigates the thriving urban scene that nurtured the rough Chicago blues sound and brings life to famous locations, like the open-air market at Maxwell Street and the historic area of Bronzeville. The exhibit also recognizes musician pioneers that have kept blues alive for modern audiences.

Action! An adventure in Moviemaking opens in late May and guests will encounter the best of Hollywood's top actors, writers, directors and masters of special effects. The amazing presentation will illustrate how flicks are picked for production, how actors prepare of Oscar-worthy performances, how as set becomes a city street and more.

Free days in June at the MSI are June 6 through 11. Regular MSI hours are Monday-Saturday 9:30am-4:00pm and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm. MSI is located at 57th and Lake

Shore Drive, Chicago.

Free concert at Moraine Valley Theater

Longtime pianist Bob Aciri and his octet is set to perform at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of MVC sponsored by The Cavalcade of Music Foundation. The show is Wednesday May 4 at 1:30pm.

Free tickets are offered to the wonderful afternoon of what has been called "just good music". Aciri has recorded four CD's showcasing many musical styles, including up-tempo, ballads, blues, swing and Latin rhythms. Aciri has performed with notables as Lena Horn, Barbara Strisand, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole Dave Garroway and many others.

The Cavalcade of Music Foundation is designed to help people pursue a career in the music industry. For more information call 1-800-468-0040.

South Sub. College programs

Programs in May at South Suburban College show concerts and recitals on May 4 (2pm), May 7, May 11, May 14, May 15 and May 16 all at 7:30pm and May 20 at 7:00pm. For information call Albert Jackson 708-596-2000 x 2349 or Andrew Hoefle at x 2299. The performances are in the Performing Arts Center and Lobby.

Chicago Ballet Festival to Perform

Young ballerinas from the Von Heidecke Allegro Dance Company in Joliet will perform at The Timbers at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 7. This event will be held in the Grand Ballroom at The Timbers of Shorewood, 1100 N. River Road.

This event is free and open to the public, space permitting, and reservations are requested. For more information, call Bridget Osswald at (815) 609-0669.

Heritage Theater Company at Lewis University announces auditions

Auditions for Neil Simon's comic fable "Fools" will be held on Saturday May 8, at 3pm. at Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theater. Auditions for the musical "Pippin" by Stephen Schwartz will be held Tuesday, May 25 and Wednesday, May 26 at 7pm. at Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theater.

First audition persons should prepare a one minute comic monologue, be prepared to read from the script and wear comfortable clothes to move in. The production will need 6 men and 3 women and runs on the stage June 18, 19, 25 and 26.

For the musical audition only one general audition is needed, memorize 16 bars of a contemporary song, be prepared to read from the script and wear cloths to move in. Performances are scheduled for July 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, and 25. Rehearsals begin June 1.

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“New Beginnings” for Orland Park

By David Vognar

The restaurant formerly located at 17259 South Wolfe Road in unincorporated Orland Park was not a favorite of any Orland Park board members. And that is putting it mildly.

New Beginnings, as the “eatery” was known, was not the classiest of dining establishments. It was constantly plagued by rowdy patrons and roistering all-night partying. Its signage was suggestive of the sometimes lewd goings-on and odd happenings that were rife within the doors of New Beginnings.

And although the restaurant has been out of business for more than one year now, thanks in part to the political pressure Orland Mayor Dan McLaughlin applied to Cook County ombudsmen, New Beginnings still rankles the Board of Trustees.

However, the property, which the government refers to as the Wischhover parcel, is about to get a face lift. Not only will the restaurant not be known as New Beginnings in the future, but the property’s owners also plan to revamp the location’s clientele, service-orientation and atmosphere.

Attorney Robert Cesak, who represents the owners of Wischhover, understood the concerns of the board. Cesak’s clients, who leased rent to the tenants responsible for New Beginnings, felt embarrassed by the restaurant’s seedy reputation, he said. But, after the board’s decision to pass a pre-annexation agreement at its April 19 meeting, the winds of change are about to blow.

“It’s going to be a high-class restaurant serving lobsters and steaks,” Cesak said. He also said that his clients

plan on creating a more family-oriented atmosphere, most likely handing over the reins of operation to the Palos Heights businessman responsible for Durbin’s Restaurant.

As for the city, signs indicate that Orland Park and the residents residing around the unincorporated area have a monkey off their backs. Though the agreement does not officially annex the parcel—due to a lack of contiguous parcels juxtaposed to Wischhover—it does pave the way for the parcel to become part of Orland Park in the future.

Cesak’s clients will have to commit to city building codes and rectify the former tenants decision to fill in the wetlands area adjacent to the property. The future establishment will be served by Orland’s basic services and utilities, as well. Unfortunately for the future tenants, Orland Park is one of the toughest suburbs when it comes to signage variations, so the roadside ads will most likely have to go, or will be nixed when their lease expires in 2006.

Other required improvements impel the property owners to dedicate a right of way along Wolfe Road and to have workers stripe the facility’s parking lot.

Much of the dilemma surrounding New Beginnings was brought about by its 4 a.m. liquor license. As Mayor McLaughlin recounted, when New Beginnings was still in operation, tavern patrons would veritably parade down Wolfe Road after Orland bars closed at the 2 a.m. last call.

This tipsy promenade roiled local residents and kept village police on their toes. It also provided a dangerous roadway environ-

ment.

As such, the village also stipulated that Cesak’s clients rescind their erstwhile county-approved liquor license and instead adopt one for 2 a.m.

In other news, the much-heralded Oak Lawn Community High School teacher Mrs. Millie Watland was officially appointed to Orland Park’s Public Arts Commission. Mrs. Watland, who teaches Spanish at the high school, will team with Mark Crosier to develop Orland’s artistic community.

6TH Annual Garden Contest

Amateur Gardeners Invited
to Enter Contest

Spring is finally here and that means GARDEN season in the Village of Orland Park. If you are an amateur gardener, 18 years of age and older and reside within the corporate limits of Orland Park, you are invited to enter the village’s 6th Annual Garden Contest. Sorry, no landscape architects, contractors or professional gardeners are eligible.

Traditional and unusual gardens are welcome and judging will be based on originality, creativity and overall maintenance, as well as the use of native landscaping, color, texture and the variety and combination of plants and flowers used.

There are two categories:

I: Detached Single-Family Home: Awards will be given for first, second and third place winners. Judging will include front, back and side yards, how landscaping relates to the house, but not the house itself.

II: Subdivision Entrance: One award will be given to a

Gateway project going strong in Oak Forest

By David Vognar

Make no mistake, Oak Forest’s “Gateway” project is well underway. Currently in its second phase, the infrastructure-improvement plan that seeks to heighten modern transportation and building standards is now focused upon parts of 167th Street and Cicero Avenue, as well as 159th Street.

And at the Tuesday, April 27, meeting of the city council, Oak Forest became one step closer to seeing the lofty goals come to fruition. The aldermen voted unanimously to increase the budget of the TIF II district at Dominick’s center to \$14 million, doubled for its current offer of \$7 million. The TIF II funding will help fuel Gateway improvements.

The boundaries of the city’s TIF II district were expanded to include four parcels north of 159th Street. The boundaries will continue normally east to Laramie, including frontage on 159th Street south. Although the TIF contracts will still terminate in 2020, the district was modified to include a local Firestone and a burger joint.

Oak Forest officials praised the move recommended by the Kay McKenna Company. Citing the funding powers of TIFs, or tax-increment financing

districts, officials said the revenue generated by amending the boundaries of the district will help out the city’s road and infrastructure improvements, not limited to the Gateway project’s initiatives.

In addition, the city entered into an agreement with property owners in unincorporated Cook County, south of 167th Street and Cicero Avenue to move ahead on improvement plans for that area of Oak Forest.

The various property owners both in Oak Forest and in unincorporated land needed to agree to enter into a plan built for “joint marketing and development of real estate opportunities,” according to the city. In approving the measure, Oak Forest and the unincorporated residents assured that any ameliorations to their land would benefit both parties.

Robert Rychlicki, of the Kay-McKenna Company, was on hand for a special public hearing session in which property owners could voice their opinions in a forum. Citizens within 170 feet of the district were also notified of the forum.

Hanging points still remain, however, in jump-starting the actual construction on the second phase of the project. Robinson engineering is not finished with performing its topographical survey study of the intersection

of 159th Street and Cicero, which would analyze any foreseeable automobile density problems or watershed issues.

In other news, the city quietly passed through its 2004-2005 city budget. Without much debate, the budget was approved unanimously, which greatly pleased Alderman Paul Wechet. “The increase,” said Wechet, “is not as great as it could have been.” Considering the state and national budgets, he said, as well as other local budgets, the increase of less than two percent was quite an accomplishment for the council and Treasurer Dwayne Fox.

Oak Forest recognized two distinguished citizens at the Tuesday meeting. Ombudsmen extolled the graces of Dr. James Upchurch, of School District 145, Arbor Park. Upchurch, who was both a principal and superintendent, served the district for more than thirty years.

The city also eulogized longtime Oak Forest resident Jesse Mann Seeman, host of Oak Forest TV community programming for years. Seeman passed away recently, but was described as the “voice of Oak Forest” by Mayor Patrick Gordon. The studio at 15653 Waverly Avenue was voted to be renamed “The Jesse (Mann) Seeman Studio.”



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homeowner or group of homeowners who have planted, maintained and made improvements to enhance the entrance to a subdivision.

Applications are available at the Public Information Desk in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700

S. Ravinia Ave. The deadline for entries is July 1. Judging will take place in July/August and awards will be presented at an Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting in September. Contestants do not need to be home at the time of judging.

For more information, please call (708) 403-6145.



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Pictured are, left to right: Principal Larry Tucker, Alderman Virginia Rugai, Br. Richard Carey, FMS, President, William Katzenberger, Chairman of the Marist Board of Directors, and Mr. William Callaghan, Henry Bros. Construction.

Ambitious fundraising at Marist High School results in expansion

On Wednesday, March 31, representatives from Marist High School, along with 19th Ward Alderman Virginia Rugai, alumni, friends of Marist, students, faculty and staff gathered to break ground on an expansion project to remodel and add space to both the library and cafeteria. Next year these areas at Marist will be known as the Academic Resource Center and the Cafetorium.

Br. Richard Carey, FMS, President of Marist commented, "We're here to celebrate the next generation of Marist High School."

The process began in January of 2003 when over 200 alumni, parents, students and faculty volunteered to review the school's five-year strategic plan. Their mandate was to identify and prioritize the future needs Marist students. In April of 2003, the Marist Board of Directors reviewed their

recommendations and created the objectives for "The Campaign for Time and Eternity," which set the direction for Marist over the next five years.

Last May, Marist High School began the initial phase of "The Campaign For Time and Eternity." As the most ambitious fundraising initiative at Marist in over two decades with a \$4.5 million goal, the five-year campaign seeks to address the ever-changing needs of Marist students. The five-year comprehensive plan is organized in phases, with work to begin when certain levels of support are reached.

In addition to the Academic Resource Center and Cafetorium, the fundraising plan includes a new student activities center, new track and tennis courts, parking facility enhancements, technology and investments in financial aid and faculty development endowments.

Marist now has the base of support needed to begin Phase I of the campaign. In Phase I Marist is recreating the environments of both the cafeteria and library, which will be known as the Academic Resource Center and



Choreographer, Jenny Foss shows members of the cast of *School House Rock* the dance steps to "Suffern' Till Suffrage"; one of the many dance numbers featured in the school's Spring Musical. Performances are scheduled for May 7th, 8th and 15th at 7:30 pm and May 16th at 2:00 pm. Tickets priced at \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$1.00 for grade school students will be sold at the door.

Oak Forest presents "School House Rock"

Oak Forest, Illinois, April 23, 2004: The Oak Forest Drama Club will present *School House Rock*,

a musical based on the popular 1980's television show. Performances will take place in the school cafeteria on Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th at 7:30 pm. Encore performances will take place the following Saturday, May 15th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 pm. The doors will open 30 minutes before show time and tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are priced at \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and \$1.00 for grade school students. The musical is about a new teacher getting ready for her first day of school. As she sits in her living room the teacher lets her mind wander and she sees characters coming "out of the television set" to help her on her first day of teaching. The ensemble cast sings and dances to the show's favorite songs like "Conjunction Junction" and "Just A Bill". Members of the cast are: Cathy Bennett, Jessica Rueda, Rachel LaPorte, Kris Wilhelmsen, Matt Miller, Dan Granato, Mary Zemaitis, Bobby Baldwin, Sarah Stanislawski, Colleen Godin, Emile Alcock, Juliana Ramos, Anjie Swidergal, Erica Westergren, Matt Schreiber, Brad Owens, Josh Reid, Natalie Hudson, Anne Sears, Ron Attreau, Amanda Attreau, Stacey Mallo, Nicole Liddle, Bill Reed and Antonia Jankowski. Clinton Desmond and Mary Renzino are directing the show and Jennifer Foss and student choreographer Rachel LaPorte are choreographing musical numbers. Set designs and sound are under the direction of Dan Chambers and his technical crew and Matt Kastor will direct the pit band of Julie Martin, Sarah Mitchell and Zach Oostema.

the Cafetorium next year. This Phase I of the campaign will be complete by the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year.

The cafeteria will be completely remodeled with additional square footage to become the Cafetorium a modern, comfortable, student-centered area for meals, events, and meetings. Highlights to enhance the space include modern glass exterior walls, new flooring, specialty lighting, state-of-the-art technology including a sound-system with video capabilities, an outdoor patio, and round tables and chairs that will seat 500 in a climate controlled environment.

The space will also include a separate area for a faculty dining room. The area surrounding the Cafetorium will be landscaped for shade and privacy.

The library will be completely remodeled with additional square footage to become the Academic Resource Center a collegiate research environment designed to be the heart of the academic program for students. The center will feature reference materials tailored for each subject, research tools, and multi-media capabilities to make it the one-stop resource center for students. There will also be areas for collaborative work, as well as individual workspace. Highlights to enhance the space include modern glass exterior walls, specialty lighting, a mix of relaxing reading chairs and research tables, comfortable furnishings in a well-designed, climate-controlled environment.

Technology highlights for the Academic Resource Center include, wireless computer network, 75 computers featuring state-of-the-art technology and research methods, laptops that can be checked-out for student-use in the center, a technology workshop room with advanced hardware and software for multi-media project development.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence, Marist High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

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Say Cheese-Tom McAuliffe, owner of Henry's Pizza in Palos Hills and Durbin's in Burbank, poses with one of the restaurant's pizzas.

Meet Henry's Pizza

By Carlene O'Connor

You can still find Cheers here in Palos Hills where everybody knows your name at Henry's Pizza in Palos Hills. You never know who you are going to run into. It's great! Henry's has a full bar and restaurant with wide screen TV's, a dance floor, and music is always playing.

For over 30 years they have been serving Palos Hills residents with a full menu of steaks, pasta, sandwiches, pork, seafood, chicken, beef, fish, their famous branding iron ribs, salads, vegetables, and of course pizza.

Henry's catering capacity is up to 1000 people and is very reasonable at \$ 4.75 a person. That's for two entrees and two delicious sides. Choose from a wide assortment of entrees. Rolls and bread are available. They need only one week in advance to deliver.

Tom McAuliffe and his son John invite all Bears fans to come for their specials: that's dinner, open bar, and a pizza appetizer. It's a great way to unwind with friends.

Henry's hosts two special nights on Thursday and Sunday where Karaoke is popular. For young people, Henry's has a nice dance floor and DJ on the weekend.

Henry's has an extensive menu and everything can be delivered. Tom considers the economy and people's budgets. He is always running great coupon specials. These can be picked up at Jewel, Clipper, Dominicks, Fairplay, Flyer Delivery, or today in the Village View (page 10). He like giving his customers deals.

It's all one big happy family at Henry's, with his two daughters Kelly and Shannon helping to manage the business. They keep it all running smoothly.

The next time you are in Palos Hills, stop at Henry's, 10154 S. Robert Road. I guarantee you won't feel lonely at the bar. Henry's is the place for pizza and a good time. Call 708-598-8881 for delivery today.



Nick A. Parisi



Daniel P. Faragoi

Founders Bank announces promotions

Helen Socha, Executive vice President and chief Operating Officer of Founders Bank recently announced the promotions of Daniel P. Faragoi to the position of Vice President, and Nick A. Parisi to Senior Vice President.

Faragoi has been part of Founders Bank's Cash Management division and works closely with the bank's commercial customers. He is a resident of Oak Lawn and was recently married. In his spare time he enjoys all sports and reading.

Parisi has been with Founders Bank since 1999 overseeing the residential mortgage division. The bank has mortgage offers located at each of their ten branches. He resides in Orland Park with his wife, Joyce, and two

daughters and has one married daughter. Involved in the community, Parisi was a member of the St. Michael Parish finance Committee and past president of the St. Michael School Board. Parisi was also a past chairman of the Orland Park Traffic Advisory Board. For hobbies, Parisi collects antique autos and model railroads and coaches basketball.

Founder Bank has offices in Worth, Palos Heights, Oak Lawn, Mount Greenwood, Joliet, Minooka, Channahon, Plainfield, Homer Glen, and Tinley Park.

You can learn more about the Bank's products and service for businesses and individuals by contacting the Customer Service Center at 708 / 448-6500

Make a difference!

There are a number of ways to become directly involved in the safety and security of your community. Police Commissioner John Mahoney of Palos Park, encourages residents to take an active roll in keeping their community a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

The C.O.P.S. (Citizens on Patrol Service) is comprised of residents who volunteer their time to help patrol the Village, and alert police to suspicious/unlawful activity. The C.O.P.S. group meets at 7 pm at the Police Center the 2nd Wednesday of each month. These meetings offer an open exchange of dialogue with Chief Joe Miller.

The Senior Volunteer Pro-

gram taps into the wealth of knowledge and experience our seniors have to offer for public service. The volunteer help Police Dept. front desk staff with support services. Two founding members of the program, Joan Wilson and Maria Baracco have become great assets to the Palos Park community through their service.

The Palos Park Police Cadet Program is open to teens (14-20) who are interested in a career in public service. The cadets work with the officers and learn the role that police officers play in a free society. Cadets Gloria Draft and Matt Novak are completing basic law enforcement training to pursue a full time career in policing.

Attorney, friend to Palos Park, returns to policing

Palos Park Commissioner John Mahoney has announced that Orland Park lawyer Mike Carroll will be returning to his roots in public service. He will be combining his skills as an officer and a lawyer to work with the department on risk management, civil rights issues and policy oversight.

Mike worked for many years as an Orland Park Police officer while working his way through law school. Although he left police work in 1998 for his full time law practice, Mike maintained his ties to law enforcement as a criminal law and civil rights instructor for veteran and recruit police officers.

Mike has consistently volunteered his skills to the men

and women of the Palos Park Police Department, serving as their lead instructor and guide on policy, procedural and case law issues. Each year Mike assists the department working through their strategic planning sessions and prioritizing internal and external concerns.

Carroll, a principal of the "Law Officers of Mike Carroll", will work with officers on racial profiling law procedures and practical applications to the laws that officers deal with every day. Chief Miller said, "Having a police officer/lawyer working closely with us will be a great benefit to us."

Happy Mother's Day

Free bike helmets offered

Palos Park Police Commissioner John Mahoney has announced that Palos Park will offer bicycle safety helmets to children of Palos Park who may need a bicycle safety helmet. This is the fifth year Palos Park police have

provided the free bicycle helmets to children of Palos Park. Chief Joe Miller said "The helmets are a preventive measure in conjunction with the Nation Children-N-Safety Program."

Head injuries and falls from bicycles are often times the main reason children visit

emergency rooms during the summer months. Palos Park Police hope that by issuing the helmets, they can prevent head injuries to children riding bicycles.

All members of the Palos Park Police bicycle patrol unit wear their bike helmets any time they ride. Helmets can be picked up at the Palos Park Police Department, 8999 West 123rd Street. For more information, contact Chief Joe Miller at 708 / 671-3770.



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Spring activities at Green Hills Library

Crafts

Green Hills Public Library is holding a Spring Craft Workshop for children ages 6 - 10. This workshop meets Wednesday May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please stop in or call Youth Services at 708-598-8446 ext. 19 for more information and to register. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Magic

Green Hills Public Library invites the whole family to join us for Mr. D's Magic Show May 14 at 2:00 p.m. Call 708-598-8446 ext. 19 to register or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Meet author Sharon Fiffer

The Friends of the Green Hills Public Library are hosting a book discussion with author Sharon Fiffer at Xando Café in Hickory Hills May 13 at 7:00 p.m. Join us to discuss her book "The Wrong Stuff". Please call 708-598-8446 ext. 20 to reserve your seat or for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.



MVCC will host a spring jazz performance featuring one of Chicago's most dynamic big band and jazz drummers, Joel Spencer. The performance will take place Friday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Jazz was once described as "the only music in which the same note can be played night after night, but differently each time." The truth in that phrase can be seen at Moraine Valley Community College on May 14, when the college hosts a spring jazz performance featuring one of Chicago's most dynamic big band and jazz drummers, Joel Spencer. The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m., in the Dorothy Menker Theater, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Joel Spencer has been a professional musician and music educator for the past 25 years. Spencer has performed with a number of internationally known jazz artists in Chicago and throughout the country. These appearances have included such artists as Wayne Shorter, Clark Terry, Michael Feinstein, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Cissy Houston, the Red Rodney Quintet, Joe Williams, Dorothy Donegan, the Count Basie Band, Chet Baker, Sonny Stitt, Junior Mance, Phil Woods, Wynton Marsalis, and pianist/conductor Daniel Barenboim of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

In recent years, Spencer has traveled to Europe appearing at Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen with the Jazz Members Big Band, the "Umbria Jazz Festival" in Italy with vocalist Joe Williams and pianist Dorothy Donegan, "The North Sea Jazz Festival" in Holland with jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis and bassist Major Holly and the "Red Sea Jazz Festival" in Eilat, Israel with a select group of Chicago musicians.

Spencer has predomi-

Moraine Valley to host spring jazz performance featuring Joel Spencer

nately been recognized for his career accomplishments as a jazz performer and recording musician. However, his career has not been limited to performance. In 1978 he earned his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and continued on at Illinois in graduate school as a teaching assistant of Jazz Ensemble under the tutelage of renowned musician and professor John Garvey. From 1979 through 1981 Joel served as assistant professor in the Music Department at Joliet Junior College. In September 2001, Spencer joined the faculty of Northwestern University School of Music in the Jazz Studies and Pedagogy Program under the directorship of Professor Donald Owens. Spencer now serves as coordinator and ensemble director of the Jazz Combo Program, lecturer of Jazz History, instructor of Graduate Studies in Jazz Pedagogy and instructor of Studio Percussion. Spencer also serves as Jazz Percussion instructor at DePaul University in Chicago.

"As a performer and as an educator of this American-based music, it's still a great thrill and a fantastic opportunity to work with upcoming jazz musicians and to see them grow as musicians and educators themselves," Spencer said. "I take a lot of pride being able to return the dedication shown to me as a younger performer by meeting and working with current students to help them grow as successful musicians and educators."

Tickets to this performance are \$11 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors. For more information or for tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Tickets purchase over the phone are subject to a \$1 handling fee. Visit the Fine and Performing Arts Center on the Web at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.

On Track Singles events

May 11th, Tuesday, CD CAFÉ, 7:00 pm.

Enjoy great coffee or other beverages, delicious desserts, light background music and good conversation at our old favorite haunting ground. Meet at the CD CAFÉ at 5980 S. Archer Ave. (Archer + Massasoit). For more information or to register for this event, call Lucy Steven at 773-778-8239 after 7pm. or call Steve Doyle at 708-268-9482 or e-mail at sdoyle77@yahoo.com.

May 19th, 2004 - Wednesday, Bobak's Restaurant, 7:00 pm

This popular south-side deli and restaurant specializes in Polish food. Meet at Bobak's at 7 P.M. You can even combine some grocery shopping with this event! For more info or to register, call Mark at 773-485-3112.

Local events

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, May 11th, at 7 pm in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall (east entry), 10455 S. Ridgeland. The evening's topic will be "Perennials-Dividing and Propagating". The public is invited to attend. For more info, call 708/636-7931

The United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th Street, Worth, will hold its semi-annual Rumage Sale on May 14 (10am-2 pm and 6 pm-9pm) and on May 15th 9 am-1 pm.

Oak Lawn Community Church will hold their annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon on Saturday, May 8th at 12:30 pm. Entertainment will be the Pilgrim Faith Bell Choir. Adults are \$3.50, Children \$1.75 and 3 are free. Call 708/599-3454.

The Hometown Boy Scouts Troop #682 is holding a car wash on Saturday, May 8th, cars are \$5, trucks & vans are \$10, from 10am-3pm at the Moose Lodge parking lot 4500 W. 87th St. in Chicago.

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New Train Station, Condo Development slated for Oak Lawn

by Matt Mayer

A finance meeting preceded the May 11th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. At this meeting Officials from Metra, HKM Architects, Mid-America Development Co, Morningside Group and Walker Parking Consultants outlined a presentation along with the first complete plans and artist rendering of the proposed \$1.2 Million Metra Train Station, which includes a 65 foot clock tower with the words "Oak Lawn" inscribed in the arch.

There is also a proposed 84-unit luxury condominium development - with a starting price of \$235,00 for a two-bedroom unit. The building will have its own indoor parking, as well as two entries from 95th St. and would be managed by Morningside. The development would also include 11,000 square feet of commercial space along with an eat-

ery, which would include an outdoor dining patio and will also have 26 parking spaces. The new train station would have an 810 space, five story open air parking deck, which will be 58 feet tall. This project would need to be completed by 2005, as Metra plans to open the station in January 2006.

The proposed development is south of 95th Street and west of 51st Ave. Along with the train station, the TIF district would also include the Beatty Lumber Yard, a former car dealership, and the former Groebe Real Estate building, which would be used by Mid America for office space and then demolished after construction is completed.

In order to facilitate this

development, a 51st Station tax-increment financing (TIF) District would need to be established. A TIF district uses tax revenue to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies obligations; 23 years is the maximum life of a TIF district. The TIF district ordinance is scheduled to be adopted on June 22nd, at which time final contracts are expected to be in place from Metra and Mid-America. The board would also need to hire a TIF district consultant as well as authorize a soil study. Metra plans to operate 30 trains to facilitate their expanded South West service line - Metra estimates some 1,000 commuters will pass through the station.

Evergreen Park couple receives Cook County Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor Award

By Matt Mayer

Mayor James Sexton read a portion of a thank you note at the May 3rd Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting from Long time residents, Mr. and Mrs. McElroy, who received the Cook County Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor Award. This award is given to senior citizens throughout the Cook County area who best represents the spirit of volunteerism. Formal invitations were mailed to honorees and Cook County officials. The award presentation took place on April 21st at the Chicago Cultural Center.

Sexton announced that construction has begun on 95th and Kedzie Ave, which will result in lane closers. Kedzie Ave will be down to one lane in each direction during evening hours. However two lanes will be open during the day. Left turns will also be prohibited during this period. During this phase of the renovation, there will be an inlay of a crest installed in the intersection - the duration of this phase is expected to be 10 days, weather permitting. Vehicle tags and dog licenses are currently on sale. Vehicle tags must be displayed by June 30th to avoid a citation; dog tags must be purchased by June 1st.

The board approved a business regulation certificate for American Dream Mortgage at 2829 W. 87th St. A request from Arby's to become a 24 hr restaurant was denied. However, a request to open their lobby at 7:00 a.m. was approved.

The board approved the following ordinances: A regulation in regards to ethical conduct, political activities, solicitation and acceptance of gifts by officers and employees of the Village. An amendment to a chapter pertaining to water, sewers and sewer disposal, by adding a section pertaining to well water, to the municipal code. An authorization for the Village to sell property at 9334 S. Sacramento Ave. The adoption of the 2003 international building code. The 2003 international residential code, the 2003 international mechanical code, the 2004 Chicago plumbing code, the 2004 Chicago electrical code, the 2003 international energy conservation code and the 2003 international fire code. An ordinance amending a section of the zoning code pertaining to auto supply and parts stores as well as public and private elementary and high schools, was also approved.

Village Engineer Tim Klass reported that the streetscape project is progressing as projected. The board approved a request to proclaim "May 2nd through the 8th as Municipal Clerk's Week". A request from Most Holy Redeemer Church to hold their parish carnival June 16 through the 20th and a liquor license was approved. A request from the Girl Scouts for a parade on May 8th was also approved.

OL welcomes new businesses

by Matt Mayer

At the May 11th meeting, the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees approved a request by Michael Nortman of Mid America Investment and Development Co. for a parking variation at the site of a new multi-tenant commercial development located at the northeast corner of 106th Street and Cicero Ave. Three tenants will occupy the proposed commercial site - Washington Mutual Bank, Panera Bread and Cold Stone Creamery. Panera Bread will provide seating for approximately 140 patrons and Cold Stone Creamery will provide seating for approximately 15 patrons.

A subdivision of one lot with equal side yard variation at 8935 S. Melvina Ave,

a consolidation of one lot with a lot depth variation at 5755 W. 89th St and a request to rezone G-2 (general service business) zoning district to R-1 (single family residential) zoning district at 9445 S. 69th Ave were also approved. The board approved the following ordinances: the granting of an increase to a parking variation at 5716 W. 95th St and an amendment pertaining to a chapter and a section of the code, implementing the provisions of the State Officials and Employee Ethics Act in the Village of Oak Lawn.

An ordinance calling for a public hearing and joint review board meeting to consider designation of a redevelopment project area, redevelopment plan and redevelopment project for the Village of Oak Lawn (87th Street TIF District) was also approved.

The board approved a request to promote one Sergeant to the rank of Lieutenant and one Patrol Officer to the rank of Sergeant from the current eligibility lists due to retirement. The board approved a recommendation to

award a contract for roof replacement work at the Water Division office and the C.J. Reich Pumping Station to the lowest bidder, J. L. Adler Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc of Joliet in the amount of \$25,620.00.

Hawkinson Ford Co was awarded a contract for a 1/2 ton, 2 wheel drive pickup truck for the Public Works Department, Water Division in the amount of \$14,121.00 as well as a contract to purchase a 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive pickup truck in the amount of \$24,919.00 for the Public Works Department, Sewer division was also approved. A contract from West Side Tractor Sales was approved to purchase a 4-wheel drive backhoe-loader with an extendable dipperstick in the amount of \$79,789.00 for the Department of public works, Water Division.

The board approved a recommendation to reject bids and waive the bidding requirements and authorize the purchase and delivery of a used 2004 Case Model 621, 4 wheel drive, rubber tired front end loader from McCann Equipment Com-

pany in the amount of \$89,950.00 due to McCann being the solo source vendor for this equipment as well as its unique specifications. The board approved a request from Pack 4671- Boy Scout Troop 1671 to close 97th St between Mansfield and Mason for the 13th Annual Cubmobile Derby on Saturday, July 10th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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News about our local service personnel

Army Pfc. Dominic J. Messina has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The student was trained to perform maintenance, troubleshoot, and repair

wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic brake and steering systems, and operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist, and winch as-

semblies.

Messina is the son of Santo J. and Elizabeth Messina of Brookside Glenn Drive, Tinley Park.

His wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of John and Sandra Bednarik of Switchgrass Road, Morris, Ill.

He is a 1998 graduate of Marist High School, Chicago.

Army Spec. Timothy P. Buchanan has returned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, after completing a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with additional participation in Operation Northern Delay.

During Operation Northern Delay at Bashir Airfield, the brigade paratroopers established the northernmost coalition offensive boundary and created a stable logistical intersecting point to allow the introduction of equipment and troops into the theater. The operation was the largest airborne assault since World War II and forced Iraqi army to maintain approximately six divisions in the area to protect their northern flank, providing strategic relief for the Coalition Forces advancing on Baghdad.

The multiple operations missions of the brigade paratroopers included seizing the city of Kirkuk, the northern oil fields and several military airfields, thousands of enemy weapons and explosives, millions of dinars worth of terrorist funds, and defeated organized military resistance and arrested hundreds of terrorist and former regime loyalists.

Additionally, he has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. Buchanan is an infantryman with three-years of military service.

He is the nephew of Dave Buchanan of S. Parkside Ave., Oak Lawn.

The specialist graduated in the year 2000 from Oak Lawn High School.

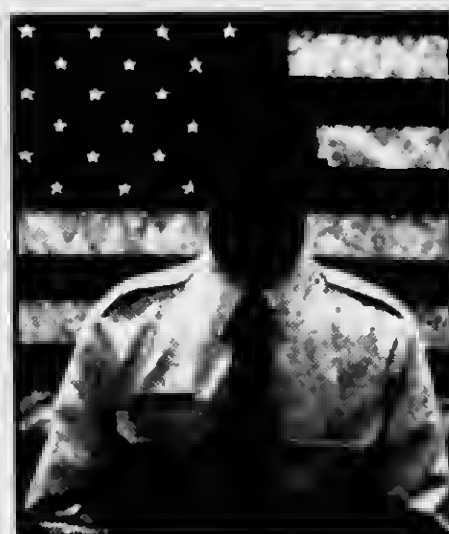
Army Pfc. James M. Van Cura has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Ky., which consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

The first nine weeks of

initial entry training, or basic combat training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship qualification, bayonet combat, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, marches, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

During AIT, the soldier completed the seven-week cavalry scout course. The training included subjects and instructions to operate, maintain and fire M2/M3 Bradley fighting vehicles; call and adjust fire on enemy targets, recognize friendly and threat vehicles; conduct reconnaissance and security missions, perform foot patrols, conduct land navigation, locate and neutralize mines; and operate and maintain scout vehicles.

Van Cura is the son of Martin J. Van Cura of Corinth Court, Tinley Park, and Cathrine D. Harts of S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago. He graduated in 1989 from Tinley Park High School, and received an associate degree in 2003 from Los Angeles Pierce College, Winetka, Calif.



Air Force Airman John W. Drent has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

Drent is the son of John Drent of S. Tripp Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill., and Terry Dasek of Leyden Ave., River Grove, Ill.

He is a 1999 graduate of East Leyden High School, Franklin Park, Ill.

Coast Guard Seaman Laura M. Wyness, daughter of Peggy A. and Robert J. Wyness of Chicago, recently graduated from the U.S.

Children of military recognized

As part of its fourth annual Stuffed with Hugs charitable program, Build-A-Bear Workshop, in partnership with the USO (United Service Organizations), enlisted Chicago-area families to report to area stores and make bears to be given to children of military personnel serving away from home. Code-named Operation Stuffed With Hugs, the event provided children the opportunity to help other children while learning about and celebrating Armed Forces Day.

At 10 a.m. on May 15th, the first 200 people at each of the more than 150 Build-A-Bear Workshop stores across the country, including Chicago, were invited to make a bear for free that will be donated to children of military personnel on active duty.

Build-A-Bear Workshop store locations in the Chicago-area included: Woodfield Shopping Center in Schaumburg, Oakbrook Center in Oakbrook, Navy Pier in Chicago, Orland Square in Orland Park, Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn in Vernon Hills, and St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights.

Chicago-area residents exercised their right to "bear hugs" as part of Operation Stuffed with Hugs and help deploy more than 35,000 special Stuffed with Hugs bears that will bring comfort to the children of our military moms and dads.

Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

During the eight-week training program, Wyness completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Wyness and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values — honor, respect and devotion to duty — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Wyness will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise Coast Guard's force.

Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they do aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, Wyness, and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management.

Wyness is a 1998 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School of Palos Heights.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Michael T. McRae, son of Kristen M. and Raymond M. McRae of Evergreen Park, Ill., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, McRae completed a variety of training which included classroom study

and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

McRae is a 2003 graduate of Evergreen Park High School of Evergreen Park.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Michael R. Vasquez, son of Rosa L. and Jose A. Gamboa of Oak Lawn, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Vasquez received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Vasquez ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Vasquez is a 2002 graduate of Oak Lawn High School.

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Senator Maloney announces grants for area school construction

State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) announced today that Leo Catholic High School was recognized on the Senate Floor today for winning the Illinois High School Association Class A 2004 State Basketball Championship in Peoria.

Senator Maloney and the Senate commended the athletic director Edward Adams; head coach Noah Cannon; assistant coaches William Hawkins, Robert Schablaske, James Hawking, and Daniel McGuire on a job well done.

In addition, the young men, led by team captains Keelan Donald and Terance Robinson, represented their classmates, school, and community as the best among student-athletes.

"Throughout their efforts, the Leo Lions continue to provide young men with a well-rounded educational experience on the South Side of Chicago, and I commend them on their commitment to excellence. As an alumnus and former player, I share with all Leo men, pride in this team, and once again congratulate the team, coaches and administration," stated Maloney. "I once again want to commend the team on their victory."



Mc Elroy keynote speaker at Memorial Day celebration

John Hansen, chairman of the Veterans Memorial Foundation of Worth announced they will be holding their annual Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 23, at the Eternal Flame located on the Northeast corner of

111th St. and Harlem Ave. The ceremony will begin at 11 am.

Mayor Edward Guzdial will be the first speaker, followed by the State Commander of the DAV. Ed McElroy will be the keynote speaker, having served as Past National Commander, Catholic War

Veterans of the U.S.A. Mr. McElroy has been on radio and TV for over fifty years and is still active as the host of Comcast Cable Channels 4 and 43, "Community In Focus."

Chairman Hansen is a retired Second Lieutenant of the United States Army

Reserve. He encourages all men, women and children to attend the memorial to show their gratitude to those who have give their lives or lost parts of their bodies to protect our great country. All veteran organizations are asked to bring their colors and rifles for volley.



Sgt. Whitworth of Alsip receives resolution

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, who is president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, announced that the District passed and presented a resolution to Sgt. Melissa A. Whitworth.

She was stationed with the Third Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Armored

Division out of Fort Riley, Kansas.

Sgt. Whitworth recently returned home from Bagdad, Iraq where she was stationed for one year as an operations non-commissioned officer with advanced training in motor vehicle mechanics.

She is a graduate of Shepard High School and joined the U.S. Army in

1997 where she earned five Army Achievement Medals.

The resolution was presented to Sgt. Whitworth by Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell, on her left and Commissioner James C. Harris Both commissioners are Marines.

Sgt. Whitworth is a resident of Alsip.



will take place at 3:30 p.m. and the wall will officially close at 4:00 p.m. A special grave will be designated in the cemetery for the memorabilia that will be gathered at the wall.

"As a veteran of the Vietnam War and part of the planning committee, I feel that this time together will help us heal and let us remember and reflect on the lives of all our comrades," said Jack Shiffler of Naperville VFW Post 3873.

We, the veterans, feel that it is important to display this powerful symbol of the war. This way we can be guaranteed that the 58,175 veterans will never be forgotten", added Shiffler.

For additional information please call 630-941-5860.

Vietnam Wall Exhibit in Oakbrook Terrace

Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery and Funeral Home, 17W201 Roosevelt Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL will be the site of a 240 foot traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. The exhibit will open at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 28th and remain open continuously until 4:00 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 31st.

"We are very honored to be hosting The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience," said David Klein, General Manager of Chapel Hill Gardens West. "We have been working with many veterans and feel that with their help, suggestions and guidance, these four days will be a meaningful tribute and remembrance to the men and women of the war," added Klein.

The official ceremonies will begin on Friday evening with a parade kick-off at the cemetery gates at 7:00 p.m. The Emerald Society will lead veterans and dignitaries to the wall where a candlelight KIA (killed in action) remembrance ceremony will be held. Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Thomas Mazaika will welcome everyone to the city and the wall. Guest speakers will be Edward Derwinski, Former Secretary Department of Veterans Affairs and Colonel Richard Todas, a Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. The reading of the names of the veterans killed in action in the DuPage and surrounding counties will also be read. There were 2941 veterans killed in action from Illinois. Lima Lima will perform the missing man fly over and the Spirit of the USO Troop will perform.


Saturday events will begin with several motorcycle groups gathering together at 6:30 p.m. to "Ride to the Wall". A candlelight POW/MIA table ceremony and field cross ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. General John J. Borling, a POW and a highly decorated officer will be the guest speaker. The names of the POW/MIA from Illinois will be read. There are 84 from Illinois.

An ecumenical service will be held on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. A candlelight remembrance ceremony for women named on the wall and for women who have served will begin at 7:30 p.m. Jackie Tropp, an army nurse who served in Vietnam and Rochelle Crump, Assistant Director of Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs will be the guest speakers. Special music will commemorate the women veterans. There are eight women whose names are on the wall.

A Memorial Day mass will be held 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Monday. The closing ceremony and "Salute to the Wall"

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Submitted by Kim Horbas,
Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center

May is "Better Hearing and Speech Month!" Nationally recognized since 1927, this is the time set aside to promote and educate the community on the importance of hearing and speech skills.

Over 42 million Americans will experience some form of communication difficulty within their lifetime. Yet only 25% will seek speech or hearing health care. Communication is one of the things many of us take for granted. It plays an enormous role in our lives. As long as it works, we tend to forget that it's there!

Our development of speech and language begins at birth through processing and repeating meaningful sounds. A hearing loss will reduce this development. Speech and hearing are vital tools in academic, career and social growth.

Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) is a serious and growing health concern. Approximately 30 million individuals are at risk in the workplace, in recreational settings and at home by exposure to dangerous noise levels each day. It is the most common work-related disease. What use to be considered an aging impairment, hearing loss is affecting individuals at a much younger age. The greatest increase in NIHL is now being detected in adults 45 to 64 years old.

Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center is the only nonprofit agency of its kind in the area. As professionals, it is our goal to alert, educate and promote community awareness during "Better Hearing and Speech Month." FREE adult hearing screenings will be available at our two office locations. Sertoma will provide FREE speech screening for all children 3 and older as well. To schedule a free screening call: Palos Hills 708-599-9500 or Homewood 708-957-7122 today.

To celebrate "Better Hearing and Speech Month" Sertoma will be hosting their second annual "Stepping Out With Sertoma" 5K Run and Fun Walk on Sunday, May 23. Fun

for all ages... Prizes, refreshments and entertainment. All proceeds will benefit children and adults challenged by speech or hearing impairments. Call 708-599-9500 to register or further details.

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Sister M. Joseph Casey,
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55 Years celebrated at LCM

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is recognizing Sister M. Joseph Casey, L.C.M., M.S.N., for 55 years of service. Sister Joseph, as her



Pictured Left to Right: Police Chief Robert V. Smith, Jr., Sgt. William (Randy) Palmer, Fire Chief Thomas Moran, Eng. Michael Orrico.

Officers of the Year honored

On May 4, 2004, the Oak Lawn Lions Club honored Sgt. William (Randy) Palmer of the Oak Lawn Police Department and Eng. Michael Orrico of the Oak Lawn Fire Department as "Officers of the Year" at their Lions Club Law and Order Night at the Oak Lawn Hilton.

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Sheriff nabs four "Most Wanted" sex offenders

Thanks to dozens of tips from the public, four of the Sheriff's "Most Wanted" unregistered sex offenders have been tracked down by police living in locations right here in Cook County and as far away as Las Vegas and California, Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan announced.

Last month the Sheriff's Office unveiled an Internet posting of the top five "Most Wanted" sex offenders as part of a continuing effort to crack down on sexual predators who ignore their obligation to register with police. The Sheriff also asked for public

the Director of Pediatrics for Little Company from 1967-1979 and she remains the patient advocate in the Emergency Department. Sister Joseph realized she wanted to serve God during her First Communion ceremony, since then her good works have touched countless people.

Sister Joseph attended the Formation House in Indiana from 1947-1949 where she professed her vows. She then became a Little Company Nursing School alum and went on to receive a bachelors degree from Syracuse University and a masters degree from Columbia University, both in New York.

Sister Joseph served as

assistance to help police identify and locate the unregistered offenders. So far, four of the five have been captured.

Illinois law requires convicted sex offenders to register annually with their local police departments for a minimum of 10 years after release from prison. The state publishes a listing of all registered sex offenders for public viewing and the Cook County Sheriff's Office posts those named on the Internet so that parents can determine if a sex offender resides in their area.

ACAAI brings annual screening to Chicago area

The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI) is launching its eighth annual Nationwide Asthma Screening Program to help adults and children determine if breathing problems may be asthma. Free asthma screenings for people who are experiencing chronic cough, wheezing and shortness of breath will be held at more than 350 locations across the country beginning this May during National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.

Chicago-area allergists who are asthma specialists will screen for asthma at the following locations:

• May 15 at the Polish American Association, 3834 N. Cicero Ave., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

• May 16 at Century Shopping Centre, 2828 N. Clark St., 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• May 19 at Little Company of Mary Hospital Care Station, 5610 West 95th St., Evergreen Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The screenings also provide an opportunity for people who already know they have asthma to talk with a specialist about their disease and how to keep symptoms under control. Funded by an educational grant from AstraZeneca, the program has screened more than 73,500 people since it first launched in 1997.

"We see a lot of people whose only symptom is a chronic cough, and many don't realize they may be suffering from undiagnosed or undertreated asthma," said John Winder, M.D., chair of the Nationwide Asthma Screening Program. "These people often just ignore or put up with their symptoms, making lifestyle compromises and putting themselves at risk for irreversible lung damage."

Asthma affects an estimated 20.3 million Americans and is more common in children than adults, with about 6.3 million children suffering from the disease. In addition, asthma is responsible for nearly 4,500 deaths each year. Although the exact cause of asthma is unknown, many treatment op-

tions are available to control this chronic inflammation of airways in the lungs and related symptoms.

An asthma attack often is triggered by allergens such as pollen, dust and animal dander, certain drugs and food additives, viral respiratory infections and physical exertion.

Once asthma is diagnosed, experts recommend aggressive treatment with allergen avoidance and medication. Because inflammation of the lungs and airways plays a critical role in the development of asthma, the most effective medications are those that reduce inflammation. Studies show inhaled corticosteroids are the most potent and effective anti-inflammatory medications for asthma, improving control of the disease, normalizing lung function and possibly preventing irreversible damage.

"Proper diagnosis and treatment help ensure that adults and children with asthma live healthy, active lives. No one with this disease should expect anything less," Dr. Winder said. "Anyone who has breathing problems, or thinks his or her asthma could be better managed, should consider stop-

ping by one of the free screenings."

During a screening, adults who are experiencing breathing problems complete a 20-question Life Quality (LQ) Test developed by ACAAI for the program. Children under the age of 15 take a special test called the Kids' Asthma Check that enables them to answer questions themselves about any breathing problems. Another version of the Check is available for parents of children up to 8 years of age to complete on their child's behalf.

Participants also take a lung function test that involves blowing into a tube, and meet with a physician to determine if they should seek a thorough examination and diagnosis.

To obtain a list of asthma screening sites and dates or to take online versions of the LQ Test and Kids' Asthma Check, visit the ACAAI Web site at <http://allergy.mcg.edu>

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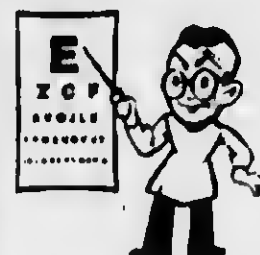
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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for May 18th through May 31st:

I use Numerology w/Astrology, (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi")...just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com and also visit JackiMari.Com & Sherlockjacki.com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: What you feel inside you is just as important as is your ability to heal yourself and others. Someone, C, K or N agrees with you.

Numi says: You were breathing air long before someone said it was Oxygen. Breathe deeply!

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If you accept that you "can't" achieve what the boss wants from you, you'll probably be looking for a job soon. H helps.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: K and C are involved in some kind of new financial scheme that can work miracles for everyone concerned. L involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This week you seem to "know"

when someone is simply blowing bubbles or simply trying to impress you. M and T aid.

Numi says: Be yourself, you are not nor are expected to be a carbon copy of someone else.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: An idea that comes out of the blue can be the one idea that makes you feel alive again with hope and expectation.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Read the above message and add this: a special person in your life has known your deeper secret all along. L aids.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You are not the only person who has been hurt by broken promises. But, forgiveness heals all concerned, try it. B helps.

Numi says: When a "reason" says "no," listen! Do not fight reason with wishful thinking.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Arles & Scorpio: J and B involved this week in some kind of financial dealings. You are looking at biggie bucks too. M or H involved.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: Read the above message and add this: you "acted in good faith." You are soon rewarded. K and T involved in a dispute.

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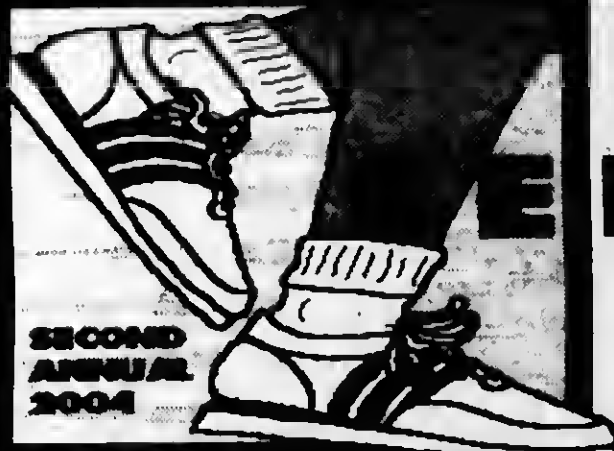
"One-on-One" "Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl May 17th starting at 7pm [152nd & S. Cicero]. I'm there on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month...I'll be there June 7th & 21st. Call us for info/appts at 708-597-5866 or 597-6721. Walk-in's welcomed. Can be taped/ add \$5.

Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights: For-Granted

Here in America we enjoy many kinds of Freedoms, but the ones we seem to take for-granted all too often are our Bill of Rights and the Constitution. Looking into a possible future for humans I can see these important benefits fading into obscurity because of greedy "petty politicians" in it all for power and bucks. We are allowing these people to use their politics and religions to adulterate and/or destroy and take away these precious freedoms. Why? The real reasons lay deep inside "religious wars." Some people are brainwashed into accepting that God wants people to murder one another or steal from others. Some accept that one must be impoverished, go shoeless and hungry to please their idea of a God. Yet, the Biblical words tell us to go forth, be fruitful, multiply and be of good cheer. "Don't fire unless you are fired upon" favours the person who is the better first shot! Let's not become just one more country that will have to learn the hard way never to take Freedom for-granted, whatever our politics may be.

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Marguerite Dawson to speak at Aglow

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, June 10, 2004 at the Oak Lawn Holiday Inn, 4140 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

The speaker for June will be Marguerite Dawson, Vice President of Lighthouse Development of Aglow International. She is also active as an Aglow Islamic Awareness Coordinator in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.

Marguerite was born to Christian parents and accepted Christ as her Savior

in 1985 while attending Homewood Full Gospel Church (now All Nations Community Church) in Homewood. She currently attends St. Sabina Catholic Church in Chicago where she is a core member of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

Marguerite is devoted to her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

Come to hear about ways in which other people worship their God.

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30PM at the

door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00PM. Reservations are required by June 3rd. For additional information and reservations please call June at (708) 424-1656.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.



Happy Memorial Day

Honoring our wounded warriors

by Gerard M. Kelly

As Memorial Day approaches, the United Spinal Association asks our fellow Americans to take time during this solemn holiday to remember the courageous young men and women who have lost their lives in the war in Iraq and its aftermath. Please spend Memorial Day 2004 attending a remembrance ceremony to honor those troops killed in action in Iraq.

Our soldiers who are seriously wounded in battle face a difficult readjustment period. The veteran members of United Spinal Association, all of whom use wheelchairs as a result of a spinal

cord injury or disease, know this all too well. When we were given the opportunity to affiliate United Spinal with the Wounded Warrior project, we had to say, "Yes, Sir!"

The Wounded Warrior project was started by a small group of patriotic Americans to support and encourage newly disabled soldiers and to provide assistance to their families. The focus of the project is the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC and the Bethesda Naval Medical Center, just outside our nation's capital. These two facilities receive most of the young men and women injured in Iraq.

Wounded Warrior staff spend time simply visiting



these soldiers to lift their spirits. We also help with accommodations and local transportation arrangements for their families. The Wounded Warrior Backpack, however, is our most popular form of assistance to these brave troops.

It is filled with much needed personal items, and it is convenient to carry from one rehabilitation appointment to the next. The gratitude on each of their faces when they receive the backpack makes each soldier realize that their fellow citizens care about them and appreciate their courage.

You can learn much more about the Wounded Warrior project by visiting our Web site, www.unitedspinal.org. You can also honor America and the members of our armed forces this Memorial Day by flying the flag. You can receive our free pamphlet "How To Display Our

Flag," and our "America is #1 Thanks To Our Veterans" sticker by ordering them on our Web site or by telephone at 800-444-0120. We wish you a peaceful Memorial Day.

Gerard M. Kelly is Executive Director of the United Spinal Association. Now in its 58th year, the Association-formerly the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association-is a national veterans service and disability rights group. Our membership is open to any individual with a disability or disease of the spinal cord.



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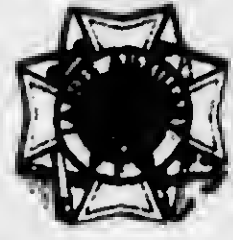


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Oak Lawn Teen Happenings

Twens and teens are welcome to drop in at the Oak Lawn Park District's David Johnson Teen center located 9400 S. Oak Park Ave. after school on Wednesdays from 3 to 6pm to enjoy video games, ping pong, pool, foosball, air hockey, board games and more. Admission is \$1. For more information call 708-857-2200.

Oak Lawn Library News

The library offers students struggling to finish homework assignments to take advantage of online homework help at the Internet workstations of the OLPL at 5300 W. 95th St. and via the web site (www.liboak-lawn.il.us)

Service is available from

4th through 12th grade, free of charge seven days a week from 4 to 10pm. Assistance is offered in math, science, social studies and English. At the OLPL a card is necessary.

Library Closed on Sundays

During Summer, The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will discontinue Sunday hours for the summer months starting with the Memorial Day holiday weekend, May 30 and 31. Regular library hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Sunday hours will resume in mid-September.

Friends Ongoing Used Book Sale Reopens

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library recently reopened their Ongoing Used Book Sale at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. This much larger, year-round sale has been reestablished in a new location on the first floor of the library's 30,000 square foot addition, near the Fiction stacks.

The Friends Ongoing Used Book Sale provides an ever-changing variety of books, magazines and other forms of media at bargain

prices. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents and magazines cost 5 cents each. Other items are priced as indicated. Funds collected from the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond the library's budget. Since 1978, the Friends have provided more than \$200,000 in gifts to the library.

Please note that the Friends are still unable to accept donations from the public, due to a lack of storage space during the final phases of the library's construction project.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 26th Annual Dinner Meeting

An evening of good food and fellowship awaits you at the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 26th Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 3 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The cost is \$20 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Reservation forms are available at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th. The reservation dead-

line is Wednesday, May 26.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Desk and via the Friends web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm). For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, 708-422-4990.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Trip:

Chicago White Sox Game The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are hosting a day trip to see the Chicago White Sox take on the Cleveland Indians at US Cellular Field Thursday, June 24. An in-person registration will be held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

The cost of this trip, which includes transportation and reserved upper deck box seating, is \$27 for Friends members and \$32 for others. Lunch will be on your own. The bus is scheduled to depart at 11:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. Members must present a current membership card or receipt. Two ticket limit per person. Please be advised that this trip is not wheelchair accessible.

After the in-person registration closes, call 708-422-4990 to find out how you can purchase tickets.

Oak Lawn Swim Assistance for adults with disabilities

Oak Lawn Park District's Hydrotherapy program an aquatic class designed for adults with disabilities, such as heart, strokes, MS, MD, arthritis or hip/knee replacements is not running at Oak Lawn High school at 95th and Southwest Highway through May 25. Classes are 8:30-9:15pm on Tuesday and 7:50-8:15pm Friday by qualified special-recreational instructors. Fee is

\$25(Oak Lawn) and \$32 (non-resident). For registration, please call 708-857-2200.

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The Village Pantry Coalition was formed in 1982 to provide emergency food to Evergreen Park individuals and families experiencing temporary financial problems due to unemployment, illness, etc. All is kept confidential. Call the OCS.

OLCHS Alumni

Notice of All 60's Class Reunion

A reunion is scheduled to be held October 15 - 17, 2004, Oak Lawn Community High School Homecoming Weekend, for alumni of the 60s. If you attended OLCHS during the decade of the 60s and would like further details of the amazing weekend we have planned, please contact Dian Gambon Lake at Dian46@comcast.net; Marlene DeVries Johnson at Antyma7@aol.com; or write to OLCHS All 60s Reunion

Committee, 6300 Barbara Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477. A three day Gala is planned for your entertainment. A Friday night reception at the Hilton. Saturday Pancake Breakfast, participation in the Homecoming parade down 95th Street, Homecoming football game, alumni room in the High School and Saturday night banquet and dinner dance. Sunday will end the events with a great breakfast. Most of the activities are being held at the Oak Lawn Hilton. If you are interested in coming why not get a group of your friends together and join the fun.



Gerry O'Reilly, front row right, with other former bunnies

Local Playboy Bunny attends reunion

Oak Lawn resident Gerry O'Reilly, a former Playboy Bunny in 1962, attended the First International Playboy Bunny Reunion held in Las Vegas on April 18 and 19. The reunion was held at the Stardust Hotel with an attendance of over 250 guests. Many old friends met and recalled the hard work, but all the fun they had too.

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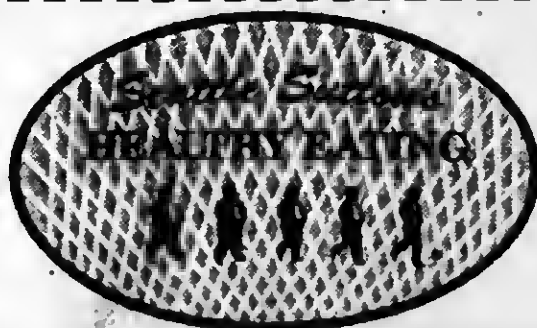
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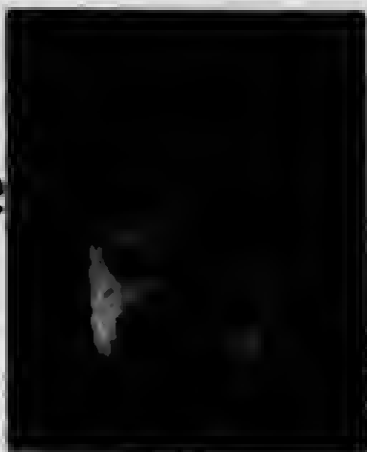


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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity

kathywhirity@yahoo.com



Dear Readers,

When I first read this poem, many many years ago, it gave me reason to think about the seriousness of drinking and driving.

I read it again a few years ago when my daughter, who was in high school, brought it home. Maybe it was because I had two teen-age daughters at the time but I couldn't control the tears as I pictured myself being in that mother's shoes, as if the daughter was mine.

I recently came upon this timely piece again and thought it is worth sharing.

In the midst of Prom season I think it's only appropriate to focus on what is important.

Parents must be vigilant when it comes to their children's drinking and driving.

Too many innocent lives are lost when kids blend the deadly mix of autos and alcohol.

DEATH OF AN INNOCENT

I went to a party, Mom, I remembered what you said.
You told me not to drink Mom, So I drank soda instead.

I really felt proud inside, Mom,

The way you said I would.

I didn't drink and drive Mom,

Even though the others said I should.

I know I did the right thing Mom,

I know you are always right.

Now the party is finally ending Mom,

As everyone is driving out of sight.

As I got into my car, Mom

I knew I'd get home in one piece.

Because of the way you raised me,

So responsible and sweet.

I started to drive away Mom,

But as I pulled out onto the road,

the other car didn't see me Mom, And hit me like a load.

As I lay there on the pavement, Mom,

I hear the policeman say,

"The other guy is drunk," Mom,

And now I'm the one who will pay.

I'm lying here dying Mom... I wish you'd get here soon.

How could this happen to me Mom,

My life just burst like a balloon.

There is blood all around me Mom,

And most of it is mine.

I hear the medic say, Mom, I'll die in a short time.

I just wanted to tell you Mom, I swear I didn't drink,

It was the others Mom. The others didn't think.

He was probably at the same party as I.

The only difference is, he drank And I will die.

Why do people drink, Mom? It can ruin your whole life.

I'm feeling sharp pains now. Pains just like a knife.

The guy who hit me is walking, Mom,

And I don't think it's fair.

I'm lying here dying And all he can do is stare.

Tell my brother not to cry, Mom Tell Daddy to be brave.

And when I go to heaven Mom,

Put 'Daddy's girl' on my grave.

Someone should have told him, Mom,

Not to drink and drive.

If only they would've told him mom,

I'd still be alive.

My breath is getting shorter, Mom,

I'm becoming very scared.

Please don't cry for me Mom, when I needed you,

you were always there.

I have one last question Mom, Before I say good bye

I didn't drink and drive, so why am I the one to die?

Hopefully, the thought provoking sentiment behind this poem may give parents the strength they need to not compromise when it comes to drinking and driving.

Is There a Fortune Hiding in Your Bookcase?

By Anita Gold

Q. My father has various old books including two large Bibles with embossed leather covers and beautiful lithographs inside. How can he find out their value, and where can he find a buyer? Joyce Anderson, Green Bay, WI

A. To check out the value of any and all old books on any subject, and of all types, call old book buyer, dealer, historian, appraiser, and extremely knowledgeable human being Ken Gloss (who passionately loves old books and can tell you anything you want to know about them) at 1-800-447-9595 toll free. Or write Ken Gloss (seen on the Antique Road Show on PBS) at Brattle Book Shop, 9 West Street, Boston, MA 02111. Enclose a description of the books stating their condition, and what the title page says, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply. Note: Letters previously written to me by readers wanting book appraisals, will be sent to Gloss for current appraisals.

Q. At an estate sale we bought a small brass table with a pierced pattern around the edges, that developed a coating of tiny black spots, streaks, and embedded dirt having been in a flooded basement for many years, as well as a large brass or bronze bowl made to be held on top of the table to burn incense which left a black tar-like deposit at the bottom. After trying several cleaners and polishes with lots of elbow grease, the pieces just wouldn't come clean. Any suggestions on how to make them shine? Lilly Allen, Macon, GA

A. To bring the pieces back to better than their original shine, follow these three easy steps: 1. Put a little acetone or paint remover on a cloth, and rub it on part of the pieces to see if they've been lacquered, and if so, remove the lacquer with a cloth saturated with acetone or paint remover. 2. Then rub on MAAS (amazing) Polish with a lint free cloth. To get into and clean embossed or pierced patterns on such pieces, use a soft toothbrush covered with a tee-shirt type material on which MAAS polish has been applied. 3. Then brush the pieces clean, and polish them to perfection with a lint-free cloth, that'll leave them with a long lasting high shine that'll glow and gleam so bright, you'll have to shield your eyes. A large, long-lasting size of MAAS Fine Polishing Creme For All Metals that magnificently cleans and shines to a blaze, brass, copper, chrome, silver, silver-plate, stainless steel, gold, and all other metals beyond belief, is available \$12.95 postpaid from MAAS International Inc., P.O. Box 128, Dept. D, La Grange, IL 60525-0128.

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Mrs. Zohfeld and Lauren Baker packing up shoes

Fourth graders at Lee R. Foster School "STEP IN" to Help

Footsteps to the Future for Kenya was successful service project that created a lot of excitement for these enthusiastic Oak Forest students.

Leading the way is Grant Kelly from Missions for Kenya, Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and the Lee R. Foster School 4th Grade teachers.

In the classroom the 4th grade students learned about the children at the Kenya Daycare Headstart Center and the enormous challenges of living in poverty. Daily meals and water are considered a luxury. "Our students experience such a different lifestyle," stated teacher Mrs. Zohfeld. Guest

Speaker Grant Kelly spoke about his many trips to Kenya and how, "The children at the Kenya headstart Center attend school, enjoy lunch, receive clothing and have somewhere fun to go."

The children in the Kenya are always in need of many things. And the Foster fourth Graders were ready to STEP UP to the Challenge, sharing with others, who have so little.

Each student generously donated one pair of shoes along with a personal handwritten note tucked inside. The shoes and Mr. Kelly arrived safely in Africa and were greeted with much appreciation and thanks. "I feel like we made a difference and felt proud that we did something really good," said student Lauren Baker.

Upon his return from Kenya, Mr. Kelly will be making another visit to school to view a video of his trip and pass out letters written from the Kenyan Students. Commissioner Joan P. Murphy was "thrilled with the success of the service project and applauds the 4th Grade students on their compassion and efforts to help others." For more information call Commissioner Joan Murphy's Office at 708-389-2125.

Golf outings

Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce & Industry is hosting their 27th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien on Thursday June 24th, 2004. Reservations required and can be received at 708-598-1700 for tee times. The grand raffle will be held. 400 tickets are sold at \$50 each. Call the office.

Dolton/Riverdale Chamber of Commerce & Industry is hosting the Golf Outing Wednesday June 23, 2004 at 11am at Deer Creek Golf Club 25055 So. Western Ave University Park. Call the chamber office 708-841-4810 for information and tee times. Tickets are \$100 gold and dinner.

Great American Bake Sale arrives

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Donations can be made to: The Great American Bake Sale, P.O. Box 5422, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20791.

Please include the Bake Sale No. 10940 on your check!

Art display at Green Hills

The artwork of Palos Hills resident Isabel Halversen is on display at the Green Hills Public Library throughout the month of May. Also, Oak Ridge art students are displaying their projects in our display cases. The next time you are picking out a movie or a book, take some time to enjoy these collections. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.



Pictured from left: Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA presents Dr. Michael Kisicki with St. Rita High School's Teacher of the Year award.

Dr. Kisicki is St. Rita's "Teacher of the Year"

Dr. Michael Kisicki, PhD (Oak Lawn), an English teacher at St. Rita High School, was honored with the Teacher of the Year Award on April 22nd, during Pride Week celebrations. This was the seventeenth time Dr. Kisicki has been honored with this award, which is voted on by the student body. Dr. K', as referred to by his students, is a St. Rita graduate from the class of 1969 and has taught at St. Rita High School for twenty-nine years.

Blaze a Trail / Books... Ya Dig?

Construction is underway for our new library building and our summer reading programs for children and teens. Registration begins Monday, May 24 for children ages 2 years through Grade 5 and for teens who have completed grades 6 through 12. The last day to register is Monday, June 14; the programs end Wednesday, June 30. Win some awesome prizes and participate in cool activities this summer at the Tinley Park Public Library when you register for the summer reading programs. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x125. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.

Senior lunch program continues

The senior lunch program in Oak Lawn invites all seniors to join them for a morning of activities followed by lunch. We are conveniently located in the heart of Oak Lawn, have ample parking, and are handicapped accessible. All meals are planned by a registered dietician especially for seniors. We only ask a minimal amount for this meal. We are located at 9420 South 532nd Avenue. Call for reservations at (708) 422-5180

Gilson to Share "Story of Her Life"

Timbers residents will enjoy a talk titled "Story of My Life" presented by Christie Gilson at 3 p.m. Monday, June 7, in the Piano Lounge of The Timbers of Shorewood, 1100 N. River Road.

Christie Gilson, granddaughter of Timbers resident Betty Haacke, was born three months premature in 1974. She is totally blind yet lives a full life. Gilson is pursuing her doctorate in special education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She enjoys meeting people of all backgrounds and looks forward to getting to know Timbers residents.

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Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95th St., will be holding an Indoor Yard Sale on Friday, June 4, 9-3 and Saturday, June 5, 9-1. Everything 1/2 price June 5th. Benefits Kentucky Mission Trip. Info call 708-423-6378.

Light And easy seasonal dishes that are full of flavor

With the change of seasons comes a change in America's palate, as people start craving lighter, fresher fare.

One way to spice up a variety of dishes, from party dips to chicken to salads, is with dried soup mix. These seasoning creations in a packet, such as Knorr Recipe Classics, give cooks versatility and creativity without any of the work. Consider these recipes, taste tested from the Knorr Kitchens:

SPRING VEGETABLE QUICHE

Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 50 minutes; Makes 6 servings

- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (about 4 oz.)
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 package Knorr Recipe Classics Spring Vegetable Soup, Dip and Recipe Mix
- 1 frozen deep-dish pie crust, 9" diameter

1. Preheat oven and baking sheet to 350°.
2. In large bowl, with wire whisk, beat eggs slightly. Blend in milk, cheese, spinach and recipe mix. Pour into frozen pie crust.
3. Bake on baking sheet 50 minutes or until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out clean.

ZESTY CHILI DIP

Prep Time: 5 minutes; Chill Time: 2 hours; Makes 3 cups

- 1 container (16 oz.) sour cream
- 1 medium tomato, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 package Knorr Recipe Classics Leek Soup, Dip and Recipe Mix
- 3-4 tsp. chili powder

1. In medium bowl, combine all ingredients; chill at least 2 hours.
 2. Stir before serving. Serve with corn tortilla chips or cut-up vegetables.
- Variation: For Cheese Chili Dip, stir in 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (about 4 oz.).
- Tip: Use this dip to make Tortilla Roll-Ups. Spread Zesty Chili Dip on flour tortillas, top with cut-up cooked chicken, roll up and serve.

ONION-CRUSTED CHICKEN WITH FRENCH STYLE SALAD

Prep Time: 15 minutes; Cook Time: 20 minutes; Makes 4 servings

- 1 package Knorr Recipe Classics French Onion Soup, Dip and Recipe Mix
- 1 cup plain dry bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 8 cups torn red and/or green leaf lettuce
- 8 oz. green beans, cooked and chilled

Vinaigrette salad dressing

1. Preheat oven to 425°. In pie plate, combine recipe mix with bread crumbs; set aside.
2. Brush chicken with mayonnaise, then dip in recipe mix mixture. On baking sheet, arrange chicken.
3. Bake chicken uncovered

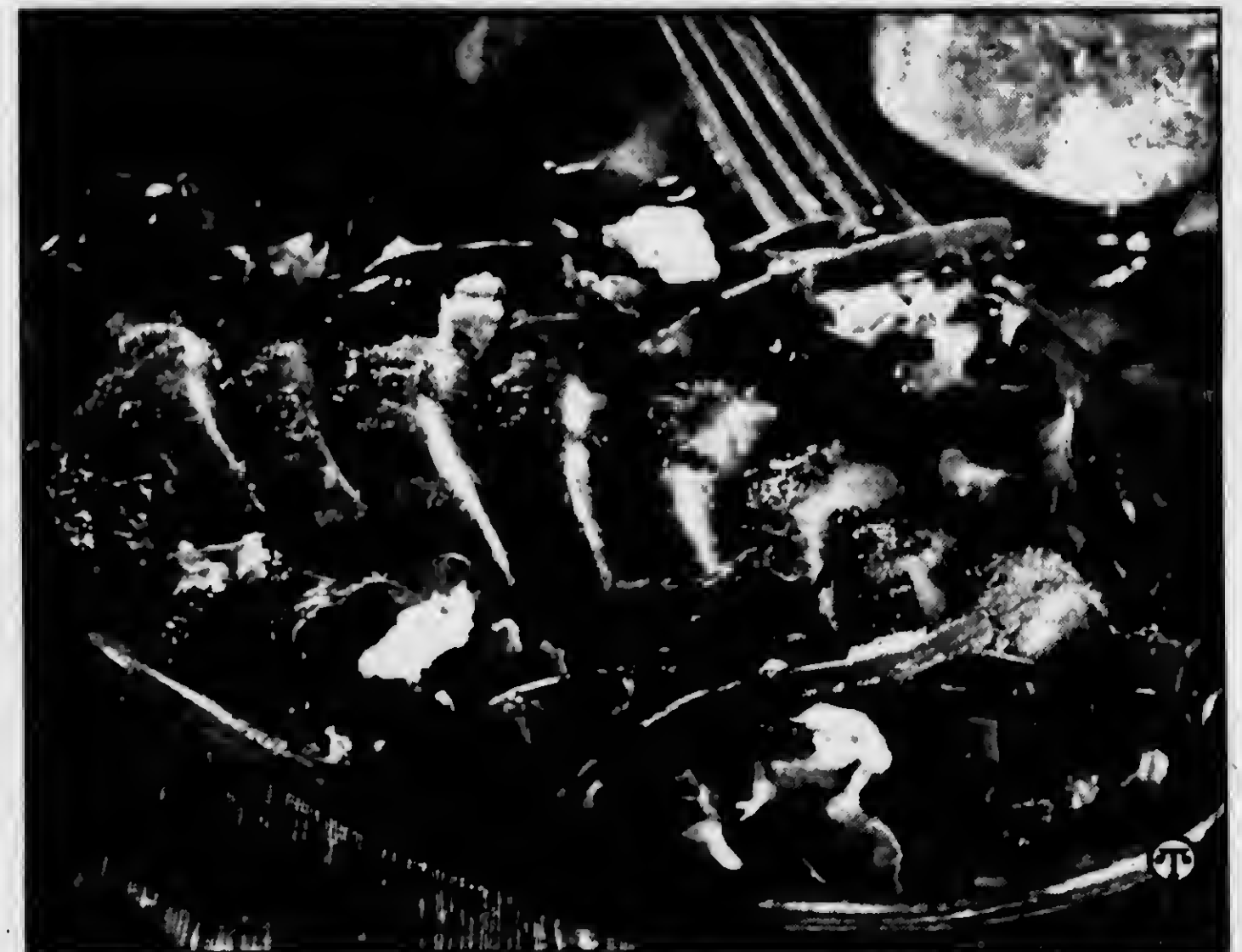
20 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked.

4. On serving plates, evenly divide lettuce. Slice chicken, then arrange over lettuce. Evenly top with green beans. Garnish, if desired, with crumbled goat cheese and oil-cured olives. Drizzle with vinaigrette dressing.

For additional recipe ideas and cooking tips, visit the Web site at www.knorr.com.

Stay "grounded"

Gardeners everywhere are smelling the coffee and discovering the benefit of coffee grounds in the garden. Used or "spent" coffee grounds are acidic and high in the nutrients your garden requires. Mix spent grounds directly into soil around acid-loving plants, such as rhododendrons, azaleas, hydrangeas, camellias and magnolias and they'll respond with splendor. Your vegetable garden will appreciate the valuable nutrients in coffee such as nitrogen and potassium. To satisfy your garden's coffee craving, try recycling your spent coffee grounds when you make coffee. Starbucks Coffee Company also packages its spent coffee grounds in recycled bags and offers them free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis in stores across the U.S. and Canada.



Knorr Recipe Classics can be used to spice up a variety of dishes. Shown above: Onion-Crusted Chicken with French Style Salad.

Americans eat "On-the-Go" foods in their homes

Contrary to conventional wisdom, the popularity of on-the-go foods is more about convenience than portability, as most consumers (72%) say they consume "on-the-run meals" in the home.

According to a survey of 500 grocery shopping Americans, conducted online by professional re-

search firm InsightExpress®, 9 out of 10 consumers purchase portable convenience foods. The study also found that convenience foods, defined as ready-to-eat/easy-to-prepare and portable, have become so popular that Americans are eating them at nearly every meal, with nearly 3 out of 10 re-

porting that they are purchasing more convenient food products this year than last.

Lunchtime is the most popular time for portable foods, followed by breakfast, mid-afternoon snack and dinner. Foods packaged for portability are being moved room to room instead of town to town.

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Doctor of Business Administration Degree (DBA) new trend in higher education

By Jacquelyn Muller, (412.995.7262) at (412.995.7263). jpmuller@edmc.edu

Experts are predicting a shortage of about 2,500 Ph.D. candidates in the United States over the next ten years on a base of about 26,000 doctoral faculty in business. In a recent

report of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, these figures capture only the demand from academic business schools. Excluded from these numbers are industry vacancies for business executives in corporate America.

The growing shortage of business doctorates will affect not only academia, but the business and industry arena as well. With fierce competition for scarce business talent, salaries are skyrocketing and opportunities have become very attractive to professionals who hold advanced degrees — beyond the coveted MBA.

The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) is fast becoming the definitive degree for business leaders seeking higher-level skills to

maneuver through the varying technological, political and social waters that affect global business. And, it is helping to enlarge the pipeline of qualified candidates able to compete for top-tier opportunities.

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If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.

Howell making most of senior season at St. Xavier

Many student-athletes head into their senior seasons with dreams of ending their stint with a team at the high point of their playing careers. Sadly, most of those dreams never become a reality, but for Saint Xavier University starting second baseman and leadoff hitter Ryan Howell (Hometown, Ill./Oak Lawn), the dream is alive and well.

The team wrapped up its 2004 regular season and headed to the NAIA Region VII Regionals in Joliet on Wednesday, May 12. The No. 1 seeded Saint Xavier University baseball team has been rolling thanks in large part to their talented senior co-captain. Starting in all 57 games, Howell has posted team-highs of 96 hits, 77 runs, 24 doubles, 151 total bases, and a slugging percentage of .716. He also has recorded five triples (second on the team), seven home runs (second on the team) and 50 RBI (third on the team).

So what is the secret to Howell's recent success with the bat? The 5-10 senior admits he feels more confident at the plate this year, but he has also had a little help from

his hitting coaches, John "Happy" Harasen and SXU Hall of Famer and former Major Leaguer Kevin Sefcik.

"There have been quite a few times this season where I just feel unstoppable at the plate," said Howell. "Recently, coach Harasen started passing out Smarties to all the hitters before they went up to bat and since then we have been on fire as a team. It started out as a joke, but now it's a habit. Plus, coach Sefcik personally worked with me on my swing earlier this season and since then I have been hitting incredibly well."

Since April 11, Howell's numbers have been nothing short of phenomenal. He is batting .535 (46-for-86) with 11 doubles, four triples, six home runs, 30 RBI and 36 runs scored over the 24-game stretch in which SXU has posted a 17-7 record. The two-time 2004 Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Player of the Week recently missed hitting for the cycle in a non-conference, home game against No. 13 Bethel College (Ind.) on April 27. Howell finished the game 4-for-5 with a double,

triple and two home runs. The Cougars dropped the game in extra innings, 9-8.

"Ryan has always brought a passion to the field in every game he has played here at Saint Xavier," said SXU head baseball coach Mike Dooley. "He is, without a doubt, one of the greatest players to ever play at SXU. It is truly unbelievable what he has accomplished in his four years as a Cougar, especially considering the fact that the NAIA has limited the number of games a team can play each season and many of our season and career records were set when teams could play an unlimited number of games."

"Unbelievable" may be the best word to describe it. With his career not yet over, Howell has already surpassed the Saint Xavier University career hits (342), doubles (83) and runs scored (272) records and is currently No. 2 on the all-time career total bases list with 533 (23 shy of the record) and No. 4 on the all-time career RBI list with 205. He is batting .455 this season, which has the potential to break the old single season batting average of .444 set by Jim Oros in 1980.

"I think we have a team that can go pretty far into the postseason this year," said Howell. "I want to give our younger guys and the other seniors on the team something to remember by leaving it all out on the field and having no regrets. I think our team is starting to realize its potential and we just need to work on not squandering our opportunities."

"The running joke this year has been that if I get on base in the first inning, we are going to win the game," continued Howell. "So far, it has been pretty accurate. Our offense just needs a spark and then we start smoking. It has been there for us when we need it over the last couple weeks."



The Illinois State Board of Education recently presented Paul Faeh, a social studies teacher from Harold L. Richards High School, a Those Who Excel award.

The Those Who Excel program recognizes teachers, administrators, board of education members, and parents who contribute significantly to school communities.


"The most meaningful part of the award to me is that teachers, administrators, parents, and students were willing to recommend me and write such nice letters about me. That is what meant the most to me. I am truly appreciative of their kindness and efforts. That is why I wanted to be a teacher, to try and make a difference in students' lives and help them grow educationally and personally," said Faeh.

Faeh receives Those Who Excel award from state board

Faeh has been selected to grade national Advanced Placement exam essays in U.S. History each of the past two years. He also was hired as a consultant for Columbia University and its Columbia American History Online project. This program develops Internet-based seminars on topics for schools and individuals. Faeh developed a unit on the Vietnam War for the Columbia project.

In addition to teaching, Faeh serves as faculty co-sponsor of student council

and coaches the frosh-soph Scholastic Bowl team at Richards. As co-sponsor of student council, Faeh coordinates the preparation for the annual charity holiday banquet. This event raises thousands of dollars each December for assorted charitable organizations such as Our Lady of the Ridge Catholic Church in Chicago Ridge, the St. Vincent DePaul Society (food pantry) of St. Linus Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, Operation Blessing, and Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS).



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Trio: Jamey Hood, Hedy Burrell & Sarah Hays who play the Wiggin sisters in Lookingglass's production, "The Shaggs".

Lookingglass Theater presents new hit musical

A late spring/early summer theater production by Lookingglass Theater is a Midwest premier of the new musical, *The Shaggs: Philosophy of the World*.

The Shaggs tells the true story of the 1960's girl group, The Shaggs, from Freeport, NH. Dot, Betty and Helen Wiggin are three musically talented sisters who, in order to fulfill their late grandmother's prophesy, were forced by their domineering father to drop out of high school and form an ill-fated pop rock band.

If you think that great American musicals are from the past, *The Shaggs: Philosophy of the World* is a tremendous new show that opened May 1, 2004. It will make one think again, take you by surprise and never let you go and proves this form is alive and here for reinvention.

Its world premier was in Los Angeles and it won three awards from the LA Drama Critics Circle Awards, including Best Musical Score, Best Musical Direction and Lead Performance (Hedy Burrell as Helen Wiggin) along with four LA Weekly Theater Awards including Best Musical, Score, Music Direction and Scenic Design.

The Shaggs is the work of Lookingglass's own Joy Gregory who penned the book and co-wrote the lyrics with Grammy-nominated composer Gunnar Madsen. With a cast that blends top Chicago talent with guest performers, the show could be ready for a New York look. Its scheduled run is through June 13, 2004 however with the comments from the full house on opening night it should run longer with ticket sales.

Dot, Betty and Helen Wiggin (Jamey Hood, Sarah Hays & Hedy Burrell) are outcast at school alienated and over-protected by their parents and in particular Austin their father (Larry Neumann Jr.). Austin's fantasy is the girls will make it big as a rock band. Totally untrained and even musically ungifted, they possess a spiritual vision and the album produced is like the old folk artist (Dylan & Guthrie) wisdom.

The Christian shown atmosphere in the home is felt despite the mother's, Annie (Christine Mary Dunford), unimportant roll in the girls upbringing.

Austin has a meaningless job at the mill and is always on stage with a beer bottle and leaves every night. The viewer could assume he goes to the tavern. The girls really love their father and it shows. Austin pours the family finances into the venture for the girls and it ends up being both a financial and spiritual calamity.

The blend of tragedy and comedy in the production is rendered beautifully with the original songs in the score and

tone of their music. One song that took off from their home schooling is the Ode to their Father. Several of the Shaggs's own songs add an additional layer of richness to the show and ask the question: What's art and who makes it? By some fluke, the recording eventually surfaced from the rural underground and re-released in 1980. There are current plans for a video and movie.

The performers including multiple rolls, comic Phil Ridarelli, Joe Dempsey and Rob Moore (as Kyle) weave voices in lovely harmonies thanks to Rich Sims's musical direction.

A bittersweet part for the audience was when Kyle who married Helen in high school returns from Vietnam with one arm. One could not think of the many service personnel today who are serving our country and who haven't returned or who are injured.

We would have hoped to see the musicians in the live band at end of the performance, as they were the movers that made it all go.

Lookingglass Theater Company's production *The Shaggs: Philosophy of the World* is in the new Lookingglass Theater in the Water Tower Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave. The box office is 312-337-0665 and is slated to run through June 13. Single tickets are \$15-\$57. Performances are scheduled Wed: 3 and 8PM, Thursday & Friday at 8pm, Sat. at 3 and 8pm, and Sunday at 3pm.

Bartoletti named "Best Conductor"

Lyric Opera of Chicago is pleased to announce that Bruno Bartoletti, Lyric Opera of Chicago's Artistic Director Emeritus, is named recipient of prestigious 2003 Abbiati Prize for Best Conductor in Italy for best conductor of the year (2003). Mistro Bartoletti was cited "for the freshness and intensity of his recent performances, in particular *Jenufa* (Genoa), *La bohème* (La Scala), *Nabucco* (Parma), and marking his enviable half-century of artistic activity and his passionate propa-



Amusements & Theater

by Marijo Doody

Navy Pier announcement

Navy Pier walk announces Peter Schjedahl Curator for 2004 exhibit

One of the world's largest outdoor sculpture exhibits, Navy Pier Walk

Announces that Peter Schjedahl, an internationally acclaimed art critic will serve as the juror and curator for the 2004 exhibit in its tenth anniversary year. The show runs now through November

8, 2004.

Peter Schjedahl is a staff writer and regular art critic for *The New Yorker*. His works have appeared in numerous media including *Art Forum*, *The New York Times*, *Art in America* to name a few. He authored four books.

Pier walk brings new sculpture to a public audience in a festival setting. It

will feature both national and international artists. 28 large-scale pieces will be on exhibit for public viewing. Admission is free and available during Navy Pier operating hours.

Mayor Daily said "long standing public art exhibitions like Navy Pier Walk do more than simply add aesthetic benefits to our city's neighborhood parks and plazas". For information on Navy Pier Walk call 312-595-5019.

Tweeter Center celebrates it's 15th Anniversary



Tweeter Center, currently celebrating its 15th Anniversary Season as the Chicago area's leading outdoor popular music venue, has announced its exciting line up of summer concert offerings. The 2004 season will showcase many of the world's premiere musical artists, with leading figures from the world of pop, classic and hard rock, alternative and rap.

"Each year, we work very hard to bring the world's finest musicians to Chicagoland and Tweeter Center," said Rich Baylie, executive director of Tweeter Center. "In honor of our 15th Anniversary Season, we have worked even harder to bring our audiences some of the biggest names in the music industry."

Upcoming events are as follows:

Saturday, May 22 at 6 p.m., New Rock 94.7 The Zone's Extreme Night Out

Godsmack, Tantric, SOiL and more, \$15 - \$20 On Sale Now.

The Boston-based alt-metal band Godsmack features vocalist Sully Erna, guitarist Tony Rambola, bassist Robbie Merrill and drummer Shannon Larkin. Their debut album, *All Wound Up*, was released in 1997. Their second album, *Awake*, was released in 2000, followed by *Faceless* in 2003. They have been nominated for numerous awards, including Grammy nominations for "Best Hard Rock Performance" and "Best Rock Song."

Saturday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m., Rush, Welcomed by WLUP, \$33 - \$85.50, On Sale Now

Rush is one of hard rock's most successful bands from the past 30 years. Since their early days in Toronto, Rush

has blended aggressive arena rock with cerebral tones that have resulted in some of rock's most memorable songs. The trio, consisting of Geddy Lee (vocals & bass), Alex Lifeson (guitars), and Neil Peart (drums) has released such hits as "Fly By Night," "Tom Sawyer," "Limelight," "New World Man" and "Working Man."

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One of the most original and enduring bands in the history of popular music, Fleetwood Mac was originally formed in 1967. Their most recent recording, *Say You Will* was released in April of 2003. The recipient of countless honors and multiple platinum albums, Fleetwood Mac most recently won an American Music Award for Favorite Pop/Rock Band/Duo/Group in November 2003.

gation of 20th-century opera," according to a report in *Parma's newspaper, La Gazzetta*.

This is the second time that Bartoletti has been honored with this award. He previously received the 1999 Abbiati Prize for best opera production of Britten's *Death in Venice* (Genoa).

The prestigious Abbiati Prize is named for Franco Abbiati (1898-1981), who for three decades was the music critic of *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's leading daily newspaper. Now in its 23rd year, the prize is awarded annually in several categories for performances given in Italy. Other winners of the 2003 prize

include stage director Robert Carsen (for *Fidelio* in Florence), the Teatro San Carlo of Naples for best opera production of the year (*Elektra*), soprano Barbara Frittoli, tenor Giuseppe Filanoti, pianist Grigory Sokolov, and set designer Anselm Kiefer. Noteworthy past winners include Claudio Abbado, Radu Lupu, Zubin Mehta, and Riccardo Muti, among others. The 2003 prizes will be awarded on May 25 in a ceremony at the Teatro Donizetti in Bergamo, Abbiati's native town.

Bartoletti, who makes his home in Florence, Italy, is currently in Parma for re-

hearsals of Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*. He will conduct *Madama Butterfly* at La Scala to mark the centennial of that opera's first performance in that theater; and will conduct performances of *Il Prigioniero* and *Volo di notte* at the Maggio Musicale in Florence to mark the centennial of composer Luigi Dallapiccola who was Bartoletti's teacher.

He returns to Lyric Opera of Chicago to be honored as a "Jubilarian" and to conduct portions of the sold-out Gala Concert on Oct. 30, celebrating the company's 50th anniversary. He will also lead performances of *Tosca* Jan. 31-March 1, 2005.

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many of the 50 states have squeezed school music budgets, and the standardized testing requirements of the federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation have led many districts to take even more time away from music. This effect was observed by many respondents to the survey in their own communities.

This year's survey was conducted jointly by the country's top organizations devoted to music and learning. The College Entrance Examination Board has found that

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students in music appreciation scored 63 points higher on the verbal and 44 points higher on the math sections of the SAT than students with no arts participation.

For more information about the nationwide music education survey and the organizations that sponsored it, call the American Music Conference at (760) 431-9124 or visit www.amc-music.org on the Web.

National survey identifies best 100 communities for music education

An annual survey by a partnership of leading music and educational organizations named the Best 100 Communities for Music Education in America for 2004. Representing 30 states, the roster includes school districts whose commitment to quality music education—measured across a variety of economic, curricular and

programmatic criteria—has enabled them to excel despite the many pressures that are hampering programs across the country.

The Best 100 list includes Community Unit School District, Wheaton, IL; Freeport School District #145, Freeport, IL; Lombard School District 44, Lombard, IL; Oak Park Elementary Schools, Oak Park, IL, and the complete results, along with background information on music education and the survey, can be seen in their entirety at www.amc-music.org.

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Noon - 11:00 pm

Saturday, May 29th
Noon - 11:00 pm

Monday, May 31th
Noon - 8:00 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedule Subject to Change.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2004

NORTH STAGE

3:30-4:30 The Irish Musicians
4:45-5:45 Joe McShane & The Silver Bridge Band
6:00-7:00 The Mulloy Brothers
7:00-7:30 Reel Studio of Irish Dancing
7:45-9:00 The Diggers
9:30-11:00 City Limits

SOUTH STAGE

3:30-5:00 P. Finnegan & J. Callahan
5:30-7:00 The Indulgents
7:30-9:00 Gael Force
9:30-11:00 The Tossers

MARQUEE STAGE

3:30-5:00 Sean O'Donnell
5:15-6:45 Velvet Green
7:00-7:30 World Academy of Irish Dancing
7:45-9:15 Frank McCaffrey
9:30-11:00 Ceili & Old Time with Matt Cunningham Band

VARIETY STAGE

4:00-4:45 Zany Cutups
5:00-5:45 Sham-Rock Magic Show
6:00-6:45 Magic of the Irish
7:00-7:45 Magic Secrets

PERFORMING ARTS STAGE

5:00 The Betrayal - Gaelic Park Players
6:30 Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash - Standby Productions
8:30 Butterfly - Prairie Dog Theatre

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2004

NORTH STAGE

12:30-1:45 The Diggers
1:45-2:15 The Foy School of Irish Dancing
2:30-3:30 The Knot Fibb'n
3:30-3:45 Shannon Rovers Pipe Band
4:00-5:30 Millish
6:00-7:30 Tommy Makem
8:00-9:15 Cherish the Ladies
9:45-11:00 The Mulloy Brothers

SOUTH STAGE

12:30-2:00 Donnybrook
2:15-3:45 Jed Marum
4:00-4:15 Shannon Rovers Pipe Band
4:30-5:45 The Indulgents
6:00-7:15 The Elders
7:45-9:00 Gael Force
9:30-11:00 The Saw Doctors

MARQUEE STAGE

1:00-2:30 Pat Daly & The Sounds of Green
3:00-4:30 Mike O'Connell & The Shannonaire
4:45-5:00 Shannon Rovers Pipe Band
5:15-6:45 Frank McCaffrey
6:45-7:15 The Mullane School of Irish Dancing
7:30-9:00 Ceili & Old Time with Matt Cunningham Band
9:30-11:00 The Kathy Durkin Band

VARIETY STAGE

1:00-1:45 Family Fun
1:45-2:30 Magic on Parade
2:30-3:15 Family Fun Show
3:15-4:00 McDougal's Magic
4:00-5:00 Red Hair & Freckle Face Contests
5:00-5:45 Mysterious Magic
5:45-6:30 Irish Street Organ Show
6:30-7:15 Wizard of Wonder
7:15-8:00 O'Doul Old Time Magic
8:00-8:30 The Betrayal - Gaelic Park Players
8:30-9:00 The Great Irish Slingsong - Gaelic Park Players

PERFORMING ARTS STAGE

1:00 Where There's A Will - Beverly Theatre Guild
2:00 A Dublin Bloom (from Ulysses) - Irish Repertory Theatre
3:00 The Betrayal - Gaelic Park Players
4:00 Tommy Makem
5:30 Tir na Ceol - Irish Heritage Singers
6:30 Butterfly - Prairie Dog Theatre
7:30 The Betrayal - Gaelic Park Players
8:30 The Great Irish Slingsong - Gaelic Park Players

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2004

NORTH STAGE

12:00-1:30 Jed Marum
1:45-2:15 O'Loughlin School of Irish Dancing
2:30-3:45 Pat Woods
4:00-5:30 The Mulloy Brothers
5:30-5:45 Pipes & Drums of The Emerald Society
6:00-7:30 Tommy Makem
8:00-9:15 Cherish the Ladies
9:45-11:00 Bohola

SOUTH STAGE

12:00-1:30 Bernie Glim & Country Roads
2:00-3:30 Millish
3:45-5:00 Knot Fibb'n
5:00-5:15 Pipes & Drums of The Emerald Society
5:30-7:00 The Elders
7:30-9:00 Seven Nations
9:30-11:00 Black 47

MARQUEE STAGE

10:30 Mass
12:00-1:30 The Irish Musicians
1:45-3:00 Burren Ceili Band
3:15-4:45 Gerard Haughey & The Ramblers
5:00-5:30 Lavin Cassidy Irish Dancers
5:45-7:15 The Kathy Durkin Band
7:45-9:15 Ceili & Old Time with Matt Cunningham Band
9:30-11:00 Frank McCaffrey

VARIETY STAGE

12:00-12:45 Irish Eyes-A-Poppin Magic Show
12:45-1:30 Magic of the Irish
1:30-2:15 Zippy Antics
2:15-3:00 South Side Silly Magic
3:00-4:00 Bonnie Baby Contest
4:00-5:00 Red Hair & Freckle Face Contests
5:00-5:45 A Leprechaun's Tale Magic Show

5:45-6:30 Magic Matt's Fun Show

6:30-7:15 Irish Daze

7:15-8:00 Callahan's Crackups

PERFORMING ARTS STAGE

1:00 Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash - Standby Productions
2:00 Butterfly - Prairie Dog Theatre
3:00 Where There's A Will - Beverly Theatre Guild
4:00 The Bake Shop - Smock Alley Productions
5:00 The Great Irish Slingsong - Gaelic Park Players
6:00 Butterfly - Prairie Dog Theatre
7:00 A Dublin Bloom (from Ulysses) - Irish Repertory Theatre
8:00 The Bake Shop - Smock Alley Productions

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2004

NORTH STAGE

12:30-2:00 Salthill Mines
2:15-2:45 Cross Keys Irish Dancers
3:00 Memorial Day Salute
3:15-4:45 Bluestack
5:00-6:30 Bohola
6:45-8:00 Pat Woods
8:00-8:30 The Larkin and Moran Brothers
5:00-6:15 Seven Nations
6:45-8:00 Black 47

MARQUEE STAGE

12:30-2:00 Irish Music School
2:15-2:45 Dennehy Irish Dancers
3:00 Memorial Day Salute
3:15-4:45 Ceili & Old Time with Matt Cunningham Band
5:00-6:30 Frank McCaffrey
6:45-8:00 The Kathy Durkin Band

PERFORMING ARTS STAGE

12:30 The Betrayal - Gaelic Park Players
1:30 Tir na Ceol - Irish Heritage Singers
3:15 A Dublin Bloom (from Ulysses) - Irish Repertory Theatre
4:30 The Bake Shop - Smock Alley Productions
5:30 Tir na Ceol - Irish Heritage Singers
6:30 Where There's A Will - Beverly Theatre Guild
7:30 The Great Irish Slingsong - Gaelic Park Players

VARIETY STAGE

12:30-1:15 T.V. Creations
1:15-2:00 Magical Mystery Show
2:00-2:45 O'Neil's Fun & Frolics
3:00 Memorial Day Salute
3:15-4:00 Too-Ra-Loo-A-Looney Magic Show
4:00-4:45 Prestigious Puppetry
4:45-5:30 Celtic Magic
5:30-6:15 Reilly's Tricks
6:15-7:00 Dublin Deceptions Magic Show

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Water, water everywhere in Orland

By David Vognar

Since well before 1996, Orland Park resident Ray Hannity has had to cope with an annoyance most south suburban residents must perforce deal with. Water. Except in Hannity's case, his water dilemma was one that Noah could have expected. After heavy spring and summer rains, "the sewers really turned into fountains" and his basement continually flooded.

Like local citizens along Winsdor Drive and the other streets in Orland prone to flooding, Hannity expected solutions to his yearly water complaints. In some respects, he was helped. His basement flooding did cease, but his backyard still typically resembles the Atlantic after heavy rains. What he got, he believes, were quick answers to a situation that still festers in his mind—and literally spews in his backyard.

It comes as no surprise then that Hannity and other residents in perennially deluged Orland neighborhoods were present at the Monday, May 3 Board of Trustees meeting, during which the board directed village staff to "prepare code amendment changes as recommended by Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd." The changes, according to the city, would help Hannity and most grass-soaked, fuming Orland residents.

Acting on C.B. Burke's report focusing on reducing this suburb's flood risk, the village put forth \$5.2 million to pay for drainage improvement appurtenances. Though engineering costs were not included, the village will now ascertain which of the projects that C.B. Burke devised would be best appli-

cable to the village. Both urgency and dollar-figures will be taken into account in the multi-year plan.

The drove of flood-affected residents in attendance approved of the village's adoption of the study overall, despite the fact that the board did not reach any final solutions. Yet, questions still remained for some residents who have spent years pulling out their hair while trying to come up with innovative ways to alleviate their home's personal, unwelcome lake-like qualities.

For one, the most vocal of critics cited the trouble the village has had in the past with permanently ameliorating flooding. "A lot of these suggestions," said Hannity, "seem like band-aid solutions." Hannity, who has a three-year-old son, worries about the unsanitary water that bubbles up from his and his neighbors' sewers that could breed disease, not to mention the possibility of accidental death.

The board sympathized with Orland Park's residents' worries, but offered its own vote of confidence in the study's capacity to serve as a long-term effective measure that can obviate drainage hassles.

Trustee James V. Dodge promised that, should the projects not be effective, the village does have a backup plan. Such contingency measures include buying homes on troubled streets or purchasing additional capacity lines to carry water into Tinley Creek. Any action would have to be approved by the Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Briefly, the 156th Street Commons was approved for special use and re-subdivision falling in line with the property owner's plans to

create a new retail center. The site will make use of a density ratio of sixteen units per acre, a deviation from the six-to-eight units ratio that set Trustee Bernard Murphy into high dudgeon.

"If you do the math one

way... it looks as if you're exceeding certain limits," said Dodge of the ambiguous algorithm used to determine unit density for mixed use plots. The board instructed staff to look into standardizing village density codes.

Oak Forest moves ahead on Gateway

By David Vognar

As far as the Southland goes, there is never a dull moment in Oak Forest. To prove that raffish axiom, the village was hit with both good and bad news this past week. The good news, regarding the completion of another vital step in the city's ongoing Gateway project, was somewhat overshadowed, however, by the bad news—concerning finger-pointing speculation, yet again, over a city official.

First, the good news: Oak Forest announced on May 11 its plans to build an electronic message, dot-based matrix board to welcome passer-bys into the city on 159th and Cicero; the sign is part of the Gateway corridors master landscaping plan. After an eight to twelve week shipping period,

the revamped welcoming site should be finished by Labor Day.

To be complete with season-appropriate gardens fitted for aesthetics as well as safety, the LED sign plus the median work will cost approximately \$250,000. The entire area should have a 125-degree swath of visibility.

Although Alderman Greg Simos inquired about the possibility of a V-shaped sign to allow drivers on both streets to see the sign at flush-face, city community development coordinator Robert McNeil quickly demurred. He assured the council that such a sign would have to be moved back too far from the corner of the intersection for proper day viewing.

The sign currently at 159th and Cicero will most likely replace city hall's wizened brown sign along

Central Avenue. City officials have already lined up a company to maintain the new sign and landscaping.

The firm of Ziolkowski, Porter, Damato and Associates—known for its U.S. embassy in Tokyo—presented to the board the painting-sized, computer-rendered illustration, saying it was the best conspectus of the six possible landscaping displays.

And then there was this week's criticism of Oak Forest government. The tempest jumped out of her teapot when the retirement of Police Chief John Koch veered away from the traditional means of pension-paid forays into the sunset.

That's because the city, determined to hold on to the talented administrator Koch, decided to hire the man at a lower salary—in the \$70,000 range—than his current one, which the Daily Southtown reported to be in the area of \$80,000.

Effectively, Koch retired and was then re-hired. According to Alderman Beverly Swartz, such a move saved the city more than \$20,000, for Koch's high-salary payments were becoming prohibitive.

The Daily Southtown and city critics saw things differently. Upbraiding the city and Mayor Patrick Gordon for seedy politics but leaving Koch unadulterated by their wrath, city detractors saw the move as a way to get around paying Koch a higher salary, but still allow him to dip into his pension fund payments and manage the police force.

In an especially scathing editorial, The Daily Southtown blasted Oak Forest for wanting to have its cake and eat it, too. For a city already marred by allegations of corruption amongst its Public Works employees and, separately, its citizens (bilked CBS2 Chicago out of millions), any claims of corruption do not improve the city's image.



Oak Forest Poms crowned state champions

The Oak Forest High School Varsity Poms were crowned State Champions over the weekend at the Illinois Drill Team Association's state competition. The University of Illinois's Assembly Hall was the site of the competition for 132 teams from across the state. The team brought home the gold in AA Division -Props for their dance rou-

tine using umbrellas, rings and ribbons, while moving and dancing to the song, "Over The Rainbow". Senior members Lindsay Tully and Kristen Bartos were honored individually as IDTA Scholarship Finalists for academic achievement. The team is coached by Heather Peterson and Carrie Tully.

Posing with some of the props from their winning performance are: (Front

row-left to right) Brittany Bateman and Jennifer Klockowski. (Second row-left to right) Nicole Russo, Tiffany Hall, Samantha Duckett, Amy Bartelment, Mary Favero and Camille Greco. (Third row-left to right) Kristen Bartos, Callie Laycoax, Colleen O'Brien, Lindsay Tully, Jill Komives and Taylor Bussie. Fourth Row-left to right) Diana Pinto, Jennifer Poull, Casey Strzyzewski and Amanda Aceves.

Designer Showcase 2004 benefits Palos Park's 118 Educational Foundation

A cast of hundreds has combined forces to produce Designer Showcase 2004 at the historic Italianate McCord House, West 129th Street and LaGrange Road in Palos Park. Design teams and volunteers have been at work for a year planning a month long showcase of the finest furniture, wall treatments, leaded art glass, draperies, carpeting, and accessories, giving the vintage home a warm and inviting makeover inside. Outdoors, the landscaping has been redone and a small shed has been turned into a "Folly", a special hide-away. In addition, the garage is now an artisan's boutique filled with personal and home accessories.

The showcase is open five days per week from now until May 23rd. Days and hours when the showcase guides welcome visitors are Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm; Fridays 11 am to 8 pm; Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 4 PM. Tickets are \$18 at the door. Tickets may also be purchased in advance by mailing a check made out to Designer Showcase 2004 for \$15 per person (over eight years of age) to Mrs. J. Basso, 9116 West 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois 60464. Include a self-addressed envelope for a quick return of your tickets. Advance reservations can also be made over the phone 708-671-0648.

Designers featured in the home are: Bev Ceko of Walter E. Smith, Orland Park, Shari Law Art Glass, Homer Glen, Kim Elia of Truffles, Naperville, Claudia's, Palos Heights, Victoria Ganz, Decorative Artist, Julea Joseph of Reinventing Space, Palos Park, Darlene M. Kadar of Darwin Furniture, Orland Park, Carmine Cerasi and Greta van Westrienen of Interiors etc, Aurora, Julie Holland, Decorative Painter, Ingrid Katauskas of My Own Little Room, Orland Park,

Maureen Chernak of Waterware, La Grange, Tara and Dan Stephens of The Fisherman's Wife, Frankfort and Kimberly Pilas-Keslik, Brandi Milas, and Bonnie Westerberg of Plunkett Home Furnishings, Orland Park.

Julea Joseph of Reinventing Space took on the biggest challenge in making over the dreary kitchen into a functional but handsome center for simple food warming and future artists clean up when the McCord House opens as a gallery and cultural center in September of 2004. Julea's "garden themed" kitchen team included Claudia's, Cheryl D. & Company, Ltd. (cabinets), Larry Bogosh, master carpenter, Fortino Stone countertops, Vicki Gantz, Decorative Painter, Artist, Linda Frigo and Palos South Art Students (ceramic tiles); Nantom Decorating and Construction; Sherlock Carpet & Tile, (flooring); Sew Many Windows (window treatment); Grants Appliances, Orland Park. Unlike the furnishings in the other rooms, everything will remain in the kitchen except the moveable accessories, when the Designer Showcase 2004 is finished on Sunday, May 23rd. Don't miss it.

The exterior of McCord House has benefited from the artistry of Nina Koziol, landscape designer, lecturer, and writer. Nina collaborated with Janis Lynch of Beary Landscaping to produce a three-phase plan for enhancement of the landscape. Phase I required the removal of the 1950's vintage evergreens, which covered the limestone foundation and obscured some of the lovely Italianate eyebrow windows. In their place, shrub roses, fragrant viburnum, holly bushes, lilacs, a weeping cherry tree, a service berry shrub, lavender, and smaller annuals cheer up the newly carved beds. The Palos Park Beautification Committee volunteers planted the new beds under the direction of Pat Monson, with direction from Nina herself. Future additions include rhododendron and a stand of crab apple trees, which will come as the result of donations to the project.

Library Closed

The Tinley Park Public Library will be closed Monday, May 31 in honor of Memorial Day. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Regular library hours resume on Tuesday, June 1. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x4. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.



Orland Fire District hazardous materials response team ready

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"We respond to all types of incidents, from fuel spills to transportation, fixed facilities, refineries and more," explained Orland Fire Protection District Lieutenant Raymond Kay who serves as Hazardous Materials Officer for the fire district.

The fire district cites the region's expanding industrial corridor, heavy retail population and several state highways as contributors to hazardous materials incidents within the Orland Fire Protection District.

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Amending fences in Chicago Ridge

By David Vognar

Proving once again that good fence codes make good neighbors, the village of Chicago Ridge instructed village attorney George J. Witous on May 4, to make sweeping changes to the city's fence codes, or as Village President Eugene Siegel called them, the city's "red-tape, bureaucratic" mess. Siegel successfully convinced the board to abolish a \$100 fee from all pending and future fence variance requests at the Tuesday evening meeting.

Witous will consult Trustee Donald F. Pratl and the village building commissioner to render proper amendments to two parts of the village's fence construction process. Witous will redesign, at the special behest of President Witous, the cumbersome and lengthy approval process; he will also amend fence code language that makes it difficult for homeowners to install pools without erecting additional fencing.

Typically, Siegel argued, citizens who want to either build a new fence or alter plans on existing fences must wile in the muck of planning and zoning meetings for 6 to 8 weeks. Siegel blasted what he called an unnecessary waiting period, but was even more boisterous on the issue of the \$100 fine/tax for fence construction and the archaic village clause that mandates homeowners publish their desires for fence expansion.

The latter issue will be presented in final form in the amended measure, after the village's fact-finding efforts.

Though fencing may seem like small beer to even the most meticulous small town official, the way in which fence codes have been construed in this south sub-

urban hamlet has caused confusion for years.

Currently, the fence ordinance assures that all fences are constructed out of materials approved by the village. However, as 10-year zoning board member Pratl averred, the meeting cycle to greenlight those materials and the implementation is too long.

Two years ago, the village attempted to expedite that process; dialogue was started, but a decision was never made. Years before then, village trustees had wanted the power to designate certain pools with high decks as "childproof," thereby exempting residents from the inherent anxiety of having to build privacy fences around their pools. That proposal, too, was never seen to fruition. "I don't remember seeing anything happen," said Trustee Moreen Socha.

All the confusion, height restrictions and past failed attempts to streamline fencing in the village could become a moot point, though, if Witous and Pratl are successful in their concerted endeavour to make everything logical once again.

The only hang-ups the board had revolved around the possibility of mollifying the fence code so much that some wily residents could take advantage of it. Chicago Ridge has long been battling its residents' penchant for interring entire plot lines with either chain link or cedar fences.

Pratl, for one, was concerned: "Some of the proposals are for putting fences up in front of the front setbacks of the homes in question."

Nevertheless, within a month or less, Chicago Ridge should get its fence

policy all in a row. The real question is whether this new law will allow neighbors to be good neighbors, not ones confused and frustrated by the gossamer web of village codes.



European Tan

We have the Super cyclone 220 Stand Up

By Carlene O'Connor

Would you like to pretend you are on a beach somewhere getting the rays even on a cold day? Try European Tan of Oak Lawn at 10842 S. Cicero in the Oak Plaza. The new owners have been providing people with tanning services since November 2002 and the place has

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Chicago Ridge has Library programs

On Saturday, May 29 at 2:00 PM, the "Hogwarts 500" program will be held at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, in anticipation of the new Harry Potter movie being released on June 4. Children ages 3-13 may bring their own broom for the "Hogwarts 500" races.

An adult must accompany children ages 3-6.

Registration is required and can be done by calling the library at 708-423-7753.

Teen game night will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 27. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to the library to challenge their friends to a game of chess, monopoly, or game of their choice. Registration is not required.

Contact person: Constance VanSwol, Youth Services Librarian.

Moraine Valley graduate selected to Illinois Board of Higher Education



Mark Weber

Mark Weber, a 2003 graduate of Moraine Valley, has been elected student representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Weber of Orland Park, a junior political science major at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, was elected by the board's Student Advisory Committee, which comprises representatives of all Illinois colleges and universities. He will serve during the 2004-05 academic year.

Weber, a former Moraine Valley student trustee and student member of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), served as the alternate student member of the Board of Higher Education during the 2003-04 academic year.

He holds a number of leadership awards and honors, including the IBHE Student Advisory Committee Outstanding Leader Award in 2004, the Moraine Valley Student Leadership Award in 2003, and the ICCB Student Advisory Committee Outstanding Leader in 2002. Also during his two years at Moraine Valley, Weber was named to the 2003 All-Illinois Academic Team and an Academic All-American by the National Junior College Cross Country Coaches Association. He served as student representative to the Cook County Workforce Investment Board Youth Council from 2001 to 2003. He was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Weber also has an impressive catalog of community and volunteer experiences, including raising funds for the Red Cross, the American Heart Association, and an assisted living center for disabled youth; serving as coordinator for a holiday party for children at the Maryville Academy and for a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys-for-Tots program; and volunteering at an Orland Township Snowflake Youth Drug Intervention Program and a Christmas in April Home Rehabilitation Project.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or e-mail: horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.



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prediction on page 6
with Jacki Mari

Designer Showcase 2004 benefits Palos Park's 118 Educational Foundation

A cast of hundreds has combined forces to produce Designer Showcase 2004 at the historic Italianate McCord House, West 129th Street and LaGrange Road in Palos Park. Design teams and volunteers have been at work for a year planning a month long showcase of the finest furniture, wall treatments, leaded art glass, draperies, carpeting, and accessories, giving the vintage home a warm and inviting makeover inside. Outdoors, the landscaping has been redone and a small shed has been turned into a "Folly", a special hide-away. In addition, the garage is now an artisan's boutique filled with personal and home accessories.

The showcase is open five days per week from now until May 23rd. Days and hours when the showcase guides welcome visitors are Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm; Fridays 11 am to 8 pm; Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 4 PM. Tickets are \$18 at the door. Tickets may also be purchased in advance by mailing a check made out to Designer Showcase 2004 for \$15 per person (over eight years of age) to Mrs. J. Basso, 9116 West 123rd Street, Palos Park, Illinois 60464. Include a self-addressed envelope for a quick return of your tickets. Advance reservations can also be made over the phone 708-671-0648.

Designers featured in the home are: Bev Ceko of Walter E. Smith, Orland Park, Shari Law Art Glass, Homer Glen, Kim Elia of Truffles, Naperville, Claudia's, Palos Heights, Victoria Ganz, Decorative Artist, Julea Joseph of Reinventing Space, Palos Park, Darlene M. Kadar of Darvin Furniture, Orland Park, Carmine Cerasi and Greta van Westrienen of Interiors etc, Aurora, Julie Holland, Decorative Painter, Ingrid Katauskas of My Own Little Room, Orland Park,

Maureen Chernak of Waterware, La Grange, Tara and Dan Stephens of The Fisherman's Wife, Frankfort and Kimberly Pilas-Keslik, Brandi Milas, and Bonnie Westerberg of Plunkett Home Furnishings, Orland Park.

Julea Joseph of Reinventing Space took on the biggest challenge in making over the dreary kitchen into a functional but handsome center for simple food warming and future artists clean up when the McCord House opens as a gallery and cultural center in September of 2004. Julea's "garden themed" kitchen team included Claudia's, Cheryl D. & Company, Ltd. (cabinets), Larry Bogosh, master carpenter, Fortino Stone countertops, Vicki Gantz, Decorative Painter, Artist, Linda Frigo and Palos South Art Students (ceramic tiles); Nantom Decorating and Construction; Sherlock Carpet & Tile, (flooring); Sew Many Windows (window treatment); Grants Appliances, Orland Park. Unlike the furnishings in the other rooms, everything will remain in the kitchen except the moveable accessories, when the Designer Showcase 2004 is finished on Sunday, May 23rd. Don't miss it.

The exterior of McCord House has benefited from the artistry of Nina Koziol, landscape designer, lecturer, and writer. Nina collaborated with Janis Lynch of Beary Landscaping to produce a three-phase plan for enhancement of the landscape. Phase I required the removal of the 1950's vintage evergreens, which covered the limestone foundation and obscured some of the lovely Italianate eyebrow windows. In their place, shrub roses, fragrant viburnum, holly bushes, lilacs, a weeping cherry tree, a service berry shrub, lavender, and smaller annuals cheer up the newly carved beds. The Palos Park Beautification Committee volunteers planted the new beds under the direction of Pat Monson, with direction from Nina herself. Future additions include rhododendron and a stand of crab apple trees, which will come as the result of donations to the project.

Library Closed

The Tinley Park Public Library will be closed Monday, May 31 in honor of Memorial Day. The library is located at 17101 S. 71st Avenue. Regular library hours resume on Tuesday, June 1. For additional info, phone 532-0160 x4. Visit our website at www.tplibrary.org.



Orland Fire District hazardous materials response team ready

Twenty-four Firefighters Trained to Mitigate Hazardous Materials Incidents

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Oak Lawn proceeds with commuter parking structure

By Matt Mayer

The May 25th Oak Lawn Board meeting commenced with Village Clerk Jayne Powers administered the oath of office to Sergeant Michael Murray, who was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officer Robert Hon, who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. The board approved, 5-1 Streit dissented, for a recommendation to enter into a contract agreement with Walker Parking Consultants/Engineers, Inc. The proposal anticipates a lump sum fee of \$397,000, plus reimbursables, which represents approximately 3.3% of the estimated cost

for construction of the structure. The contract calls for Walker to provide professional parking design services for the proposed Oak Lawn commuter parking structure, which is to be located at the site of the existing commuter parking lot.

The board approved the following ordinances: An amendment to the village zoning ordinance (C-2 general service business district to R-1 single family residential district) at 9445 S. 69th Ave; a one lot consolidation and a lot variation at 5755 W. 89th St; a one lot resubdivision granting an equal side yard setback at 8935 S. Melvina Ave, and an amendment to the number of class "N" liquor licenses for Jedi's Gardens Inc at 9266 S. Cicero Ave.

A request for an exterior wall building construction variation in C-2 zoning district at 5420 W. 95th St. for the proposed TGI Friday's restaurant was approved. The board approved 5-1, Streit dissented, a request for variations from landscaping requirements for Mid-America Investment and Development Company property at 10545 S. Cicero Ave. An ordinance for a parking variation at this site was also approved. A request for two

new unclassified Grade 21 positions in the Information Services Department was also approved.

The board approved 5-1, Streit dissented, for tax revenue estimates for three Oak Lawn TIF Districts - the projected cost is \$8,000 - \$9,500. A request for vacation of a sixteen-foot alley between properties south of Edison Ave and the Metra Railroad, from 54th Ave to 5473 Edison Ave was approved as well as a request for a parking variation for a doctor's office building at 9540 Southwest Highway.

The board approved 5-1, Streit dissented, a contract for Geotechnical Engineering Services for the proposed computer parking structure. A request for a waiver of fees, raffle and liquor licenses for the annual from St. Nicholas Church Festival and Carnival from July 16th thru July 18th was also approved.

The board approved the following reappointments for the May 2004 to May 2005 term of the Business Development Commission - Gary Mentgen (D-1) William Kijek (D-4) William Goetz (D-2) Dennis Manzke (D-5) Jim Buschbach D-3 and John Paul (D-6). The board will assume their summer schedule and hold one board meeting for the month of July and August. The meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Evergreen Park institutes Police Officers Memorial Day

By Matt Mayer

The board approved a proclamation that the Village of Evergreen Park recognizes May 15, as Peace Officers Memorial Day at the May 17th Evergreen Park Board of Trustees Meeting. Mayor James Sexton read some staggering statistics the Village received through this proclamation. One hundred and fifty police officers through out to U.S. were killed in the line of duty in 2003. Every other day one out of nine police officers are assaulted, one out of every twenty-five is injured, and one out of every six thousand police officers is killed in the

line of duty somewhere in the country, which puts eight hundred and fifty thousand men and women at risk. Beginning next year the village may do something prior to May 15th Such as lowering the flag or having some sort of presentation. Sexton said.

Sexton reported that 95th St and Kedzie Ave was slated to reopen May 20th, weather permitting. As the streetscape project continues, Sexton asked that residents avoid the 95th St area. Sexton stated that the project is slated to be completed within the next several months. There is a bid process open for a 36-foot vacant lot at 9334 S. Sacra-

mento Ave, which is owned by the village. Bids are being accepted by the Village Clerk.

The zoning board will have a meeting on June 8th At 7:30 p.m. in the Village Chambers for the following requests: A parking variation at 94th And Californian Ave, for Little Company of Mary Hospital, a variation for a home rebuild at 8817 S. Talmen Ave and a garage variation at 2918 W. 102nd St. Sexton reminded that vehicle stickers must be displayed by June 30th

Trustee Jerry Bosh read a portion of a letter the village received from teachers at the Chicago Ridge Public School District congratulating Recycling Director Gail Morales. Gail has been visiting schools educating students on environmental issues. The board approved Mayor Sexton's reappointment requests. Village Clerk Catherine Aparo read the list of appointees. Sexton publicly thanked all of the appointees for what they do

through out the year. "A bunch of this would not be possible without you and I appreciate what you do", Sexton said.

An ordinance approving Aldi's resubdivision of property at 2541 W. 95th St as well as a request for membership dues of \$520.00 for the South West Conference of Mayors was approved. Village Engineer Tim Klass reported that all projects are moving along on schedule. The grinding down of pavement for resurfacing is scheduled to begin weather permitting - from 87th St. To 91st St between Rockwell Ave and Kedzie Ave. As well as the area from 99th St to 102nd St. between California Ave and the Canadian National Railroad tracks. The grinding down operation will be in two phases. The entire project is slated for completion on Aug 20th.

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United States Army Reserve Civil Affairs Brigade returns from duty in Iraq

The 308th Civil Affairs Brigade, an Army Reserve unit
located in Homewood, Illinois, and part of US Army Spe-
cial Operations Command, has returned from one year of
combat support, reconstruction, and stability/support opera-
tions duty in Iraq.

The unit, commanded by Colonel Timothy Regan, arrived
at its Homewood, Illinois reserve base earlier this spring from
Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The soldiers that deployed over-
seas, over 110 strong, won numerous individual awards, in-
cluding over 50 Bronze Star Medals. The unit accounted
for and managed millions of dollars in rebuilding contracts
in support of the Iraqi people and the Iraqi infrastructure,
including schools, power plants, pipe lines, sanitation plants;
police and fire stations and other local governmental build-
ings.

The unit supported the US Army's active-duty V Corps,
the Germany-based combat organization that commanded
all US Army ground forces during the war. The 308th has a
long history of supporting the V Corps as the unit did so in
Operation Desert Shield/Storm, as well as operations in
Bosnia and Kosovo. The 308th has also supported V Corps

and other European-based
active-duty Army units
through hundreds of training
exercises since the early
1980's.

A full welcome home cel-
ebration including a parade
and block party is scheduled
for **12 Noon on Sunday, 18
July 2004 on Oak Park
Avenue in Tinley Park, IL.**
The celebration and parade
are jointly sponsored by the
villages of Homewood and
Tinley Park as well as the
308th Family Readiness
Group, an organization of
soldiers, spouses, former sol-
diers, and loved ones that
supported the unit through-
out its deployment.

For more info about the
parade and block party, con-
tact Staff Sergeant Tom Cave
at 708-957-2035, and for
more information about the
unit, its actions, or this press
release, contact Major
Donald Gardiner at 708-206-
3190.

the Army.

Hooker is the son of Gary
W. and Kim R. Hooker of
165th Place, Tinley Park, Ill.

He is a 2003 graduate of
Chicago Christian High
School, Palos Heights, Ill.

Orland Fire District Joins Military Care Package Collection

Six Orland Fire Houses Now Serve As Collection Locations

The Orland Fire Protection District has joined forces with
the Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission collecting
care package items for United States military serving over-
seas. Area residents may now drop off care package collec-
tion items at any of the six Orland Fire Protection District
firehouses, in addition to the four Village of Orland Park
facilities.

"We're happy to help with the care package collection
efforts," said Orland Fire Trustee Patrick Maher. "The Vil-
lage of Orland Park Veterans' Commission has been very
active in its support of those serving our country and the
Orland Fire Protection District is honored to be a part of it,"
Maher added.

"When the Veterans' Commission contacted the fire dis-
trict asking for our help, we were happy to oblige," said
Acting Chief Dan Wysocki. "With firehouses throughout
the community, this will make it even easier for everyone to
contribute items for the care packages," the chief added.

Dubbed "Orland Park Cares," the village's collection in-
vites everyone — individuals, families, churches, scout
troops, schools or civic groups — to contribute care pack-
age items. Collection boxes have been placed at village lo-
cations including the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, the
Orland Park Civic Center, the Franklin E. Loeb Recreation
Center and the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex.

Contributions may now also be dropped off at the six
Orland Fire Protection District firehouses, including Station
#1 at 9790 West 151st Street, Station #2 at 15100 South 80th

Avenue, Station #3 at 15101
South Wolf Road, Station #4
at 16515 South 94th Avenue
in Orland Hills, Station #5 at
8851 West 143rd Street and
Station #6 at 17640 South
Wolf Road. Care package
items may be dropped off at
the firehouses seven days a
week between the hours of
9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

"The response from the
Orland Park community has
been absolutely wonderful,"
said Gail Blummer, secretary
of the village's Veterans'
Commission. "Along with
the number of families and
groups that have contributed,
Orland Park's Jerling Junior
High School orchestrated a
magnificent collection and
the Student Council at Carl
Sandburg High School is
sponsoring a collection to
help 'Orland Park Cares'.
The support has been phe-
nomenal and we're grateful
that the fire district has now
added to our collection
points, making it even easier
for families to contribute,"
Blummer said.

"With the number of
Orland area residents serving
our country, it makes sense
for fire district personnel —
namely those who have cho-
sen careers of service to the
community — to be a part of
this effort," Maher added.

The Veterans' Commis-
sion compiled its list of sug-
gested care package items
with input from military per-
sonnel who have returned
from Iraq and other overseas

locations. Suggested items
include anti-itch cream,
athlete's foot spray, baby
wipes, batteries (AA &
AAA), breath mints, cough
drops, crossword puzzles,
dental floss, disposable ra-
zors, eye drops, fly paper, fly
swatters, freezer bags, hand
sanitizer, individual packets
of Italian or vinaigrette
dressing to make MREs
more palatable, insect repel-
lant, lip balm, moisture
cream, multi-vitamins, pens,
shaving cream, sun block,
toilet paper, tooth brushes,
travel size toothpaste tubes,
travel size kleenex, vacuum
sealed foods, white tube
socks or anything else con-
tributors think military per-
sonnel might need.

"Residents of the Orland
Fire Protection District drive
past a firehouse at least once
or twice a week," Wysocki
added. "Stop in, say hello
and drop off some of the care
package items for the men
and women who are bravely
serving our country," the
chief encouraged.

The "Orland Park Cares"
collection is ongoing. Fam-
ilies of Orland Park area resi-
dents currently serving in the
military are invited to submit
their loved ones' military
addresses so that they can be
added to the list of Orland
Park's care package collec-
tion recipients. Family mem-
bers may call Gail Blummer
at 708/403-6203 or e-mail
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at gblummer@orland-park.il.us.

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Why aren't we moving?"

By: Rudi Hancock

"It's a scorcher today and you have to get to work. You hit the road only to find that it is backed up for miles. 'This is ridiculous!' you exclaim looking at the sea of cars in front and in back of you in your rear view mirror. 'Someone should do something about this.' In fact someone should and that someone should be the elected officials. So what are the elected officials doing to improve transportation conditions?"

Governor Blagojevich announced more than 1.2 million in grants to communities to help develop new bicycle trails or to widen and repair existing bicycle trails in northeastern Illinois. "Bicycles are an important means of transportation, recreation and exercise," Blagojevich says. I bet this gives you something to think about while your stuck in traffic. Blagojevich has also signed a bill to deny Illinois employees overtime pay for overtime work. Instead of contributing to the economy and the things that Illinois need it seems like Blagojevich is steady taking away from the economy and a better transit system. America is about getting

things done and working hard so shouldn't those that work hard benefit from the fruits of their labor? Furthermore instead of focusing on bike trails what about the congested roads?

Congressman Bill Lipinski, on the other hand passed a \$275 billion highway and transit bill. The bill will give \$9.68 billion on federal transportation dollars to Illinois. Lipinski, the top democrat on the House Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, & Pipelines and senior Illinois Member on the Committee, has played a key role in crafting the bill, H.R. 3550, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA LU).

"This bill would fund and vastly improve our highways and roadways, buses and subways, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, and the safety of our infrastructure," says Lipinski. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, every \$1 billion invested in the transportation system generates 47,500 jobs and \$6.1 billion in related economic activity.

The federal funding allows the CTA to address long overdue construction

and renovation initiatives that will rebuild the rail structure and six stations. The project will help improve overall operating efficiency along the six-mile stretch of the Blue Line. Lipinski is working toward improving our roadways so the days of sitting in traffic will be a thing of the past while Blagojevich is only focused on one transportation issue. Lipinski is bringing jobs back to the economy with the TEA-LU while Blagojevich is busy trying to keep the spirit of workers down by denying them pay for their work that would benefit the economy. Overtime pay goes to kids in college and business's in the economy.

The House of Representatives approved Congresswoman Judy Biggert, for \$1 million to widen LaGrange Road/US 45 and 500,000 to redevelop the 80th Avenue Train Station. "This money will provide the funding necessary to keep the LaGrange Road project on track. Traffic along this stretch has increased dramatically over the past decade and could stall future economic development," said Biggert. The Village of Tinley Park is currently working with Metra to rebuild the commuter rail station and replace it with a larger facility that can handle the more than 2000 passengers who use the station every weekday. The federal funding Biggert secured will allow the Village and Metra to complete this project in a timely manner. Judy Biggert will continue to work for more funding for Illinois. State Representative Bob Rita, worked with the Department of Transportation to install a sidewalk on Laramie Avenue in Oak Forest to improve traffic conditions.

Although much is being done to improve the current transportation conditions there is always something that can be improved. Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins is urging Metra to reconsider fences along their tracks between Pulaski Road and Lawndale on the Southwest Side because of the tragic death of fourteen-year-old Kelly Nelson. Nelson was an Ashburn resident, who was struck and killed on March 12, by a Metra train while walking to school. The train left the Oak Lawn station and hit the

fourteen-year old near 85th and Hamlin. Nelson was wearing headphones at the time of the accident.

Elected officials are doing their part to improve the transportation conditions in Illinois. More can be done but not just by congressmen and women

but by citizens who are tired of sitting in there cars looking at the illusion of heat wavering amongst the sound of car horns. Everyone can aid congressmen and women in this long process by writing to them about improvements that could be made or even

working with them to enhance the conditions. While agitated in your cars think about Blagojevich with the \$1.2 million that the young as well as old are enjoying with the traffic free trails if that won't encourage you to take action I don't know what will.



Pictured left to right: Lois Henderson, daughter is stationed in Afghanistan, Mac Gladney, son is stationed in Afghanistan, Sarah Pang, Executive Director, CNA Foundation, Nancy Allen, Operation Homelink Volunteer, Lisa M. Moeller, Executive Director, USO, Topinka, May Roberson, son stationed in 4th Battalion; Ft. Carson, Co., Nikia Carter, soldier with the Army Reserve Unit 327th MP and Phylis McCline, son at Ft. Hood, Alpha Company, 21st Combat Support (Photo by Teresa J. Potasiak)

Topinka joins in helping connect U.S. military serving overseas with their families

military overseas.

This cooperative effort between the Treasury, USO, Operation Homelinks and the CNA Foundation will give our troops an opportunity to stay connected via email with their families, offering them

much needed moral support.

On behalf of military mothers throughout the United States, Topinka is encouraging other companies to follow in CNA's footsteps and donate computers to this very worthwhile cause.

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, together with the United Service Organization, Operation Homelink and the CNA Foundation, held a press conference to announce a pre-mothers day initiative to encourage companies to donate used computers to families who have loved ones serving in the U.S.

Taking Bible makes impact

Recently a blind veteran was admitted to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. The seventy-four year old man told the volunteer counselor that he was an agnostic and had all but given up on life. The counselor obtained one of the Talking Bibles that the veterans home had purchased. The veteran started by enjoying pushing the buttons to skip all over the New Testament. Slowly, his attitude began to change and soon after he began to attend the Chapel services. For more info, call 616-534-5689.



Maria Pappas and Nathan Penn

Pappas and veteran Nathan Penn note Memorial Day

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas greets Natyhan L. Penn in her office in the Cook Copunty Building in downtown Chicago. Papps gave Penn, a military veteran who lives on the southease side of Chicago, a letter extending

her best wishes for Memorial Day and calling the holiday "a day to honor the valiant men and women of the military who gave their lives for our country." Penn is a member of S.S. China Peoples Friends

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UIC tests first Herpes vaccine

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago are testing a new vaccine that may prevent genital herpes infection in women. If it works, it would be the first vaccine ever developed for a sexually transmitted disease.

"Although antiviral drugs can treat and help prevent herpes outbreaks, the virus can't be eliminated once it enters the body," said Dr. Richard Novak, professor of infectious diseases in the UIC College of Medicine. "If this vaccine proves effective, it would break the chain of transmission by preventing infection altogether and slow the spread of the disease."

The study at UIC is part of a nationwide trial resulting from a collaboration between the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the manufacturer of the vaccine, GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals.

More than 7,500 women will be enrolled in the trial at 35 sites nationwide. Participants must be women between the ages of 18 and 30 who are free of herpes simplex virus, either type 1 or 2. Type 1 is associated with oral herpes, whereas type 2 is the primary cause of genital herpes. In an earlier study, the vaccine proved ineffective in men, as well as in women with herpes simplex virus type 1, but preliminary data suggested it worked in women who were free of both types of virus. Researchers are hoping to confirm this result in the present study.

In the trial, women will be randomly assigned to receive either the herpes vaccine or, as a control, a hepatitis A vaccine. They will be given three shots of vaccine, one at enrollment, another at one month and a booster at six months.

Blood samples will be drawn over the course of the 20-month trial to determine whether the women have developed antibodies to the herpes virus. The women will also be clinically evaluated for signs of the disease.

Genital herpes is the most common cause of genital ulceration in the developed world and one of the most common sexually transmitted infections in the United States. More than a million new cases occur in the United States alone every year. Forty-five million people in the United States aged 12 and older, or one out of five of the total adolescent and adult population, are infected with herpes simplex virus type 2.

The symptoms of genital herpes include painful blistering, ulceration and itching of the genital area. These symptoms can be extremely distressing. A major concern for people with genital herpes is passing the virus to their partners through sexual or other skin-to-skin contact.

Besides its physical and psychological impacts, genital herpes can be passed from mother to child at birth. An infant with herpes can become very ill or even die.

Women between the ages of 18 and 30 who are inter-

ested in participating in the UIC trial may call 800-575-5758 or (312) 413-5897.

For more information about the UIC College of Medicine, visit www.uic.edu/depts/mcam/.

Little Company targets education as long-term workforce shortage solution

Education is a key solution to addressing the growing nursing and allied health care workforce shortage that is projected to reach crisis proportions before 2020, according to experts at Little Company Hospital and Health Care Centers, who are working hard to find solutions to these shortages. "To tackle these critical shortages, we must include the spectrum of education—from grade school to doctoral levels—in the equation," says Jane Sullivan, R.N., Vice President of Patient Care Services at Little Company. Chicago area hospitals have identified three areas to address: encouraging math and science education for young children, expanding the capacity of higher education programs to enroll students interested in the health professions, and increasing the number of people pursuing advanced degrees to qualify them to teach and train students for these professions.

"Over the past 20 years, America has faced cyclical nursing shortages, but today's shortage is different. It's not going away," explained Little Company Nurse Recruiter Marie Moore, R.N., B.S.N. "Hospitals had been hard pressed, but fairly successful, in dealing with the shortages of the past by competitive salaries, improving staff relations and recruiting new candidates from nursing schools."

However, those tactics will not be nearly enough to turn the tide on the impending workforce crisis. As the population ages and requires more health services over the next few years, nurses and other health care professionals also will be retiring at unprecedented rates. If current trends continue, by 2020 America will be short 800,000 nurses, according to the U.S. Bureau of Health Professions. That's nearly 30 percent of the total that will be needed, up from about 6 percent in 2000. Similar shortages loom in nearly every health profession.

"Even if we had all of the interested, qualified candidates that we need, we do not have the capacity in nursing and allied health programs to educate these individuals," Sullivan said. "If we don't start building up our health careers education infrastructure we're going to be in real trouble."

To complement the efforts of its member institutions, the

Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council is involved in two new strategic programs that address the problem increasing the capacity of nursing training programs and expanding the pool of nursing and other health professions training candidates.

To increase training capacity, MCHC joined forces with Johnson & Johnson to launch "The Promise of Nursing for Illinois Nursing School Grant Program." The program awarded \$100,000 to seven Chicago-area schools of nursing based on proposals to increase their training capacity. If all the funded programs reach their goals, Illinois will add more than 100 students to nursing programs within the next three years. MCHC also has a comprehensive reference that provides detailed information on health career options at every level of ability and education—from medical secretary and dietetic technician to nurse practitioner and medical doctor. This guide is available on the Web at www.mchc.org/heq.

Little Company not only focuses on fixing the nursing shortage from a high school level, but also focuses its efforts on six surrounding colleges. The nursing students

from these schools perform their clinical rotations at Little Company. If students decide to work at the hospital while they are still in school, they become eligible for a \$2,000 per semester financial grant. Part-time employees seeking nursing degrees are eligible for up to \$2,000 after completing one year of employment. Another option for sophomore and junior year college students is to participate in a summer externship where universities such as St. Xavier give college credit for this hands-on experience.

Area junior and senior nursing students are also invited to apply for a new nursing tuition award at Little Company. The Martin J. Ozinga, Jr., Nursing Tuition Award, provides tuition to a junior or senior nursing student enrolled in an accredited nursing program, including diploma, associate, or baccalaureate program. Little Company also encourages nursing students to "shadow" their employees to gain insight into the health care profession.

For more information on any of the above opportunities and/or awards, please call Little Company of Mary and Health Care Centers at (708) 229-5063.

Advocacy group for self-employed names area representative

The National Association for the Self-Employed has announced that Laura Page is the new membership representative in the Oak Lawn area. The NASE was formed in 1981 by a group of small-business owners seeking the kinds of benefits and services once only available to large corporations.

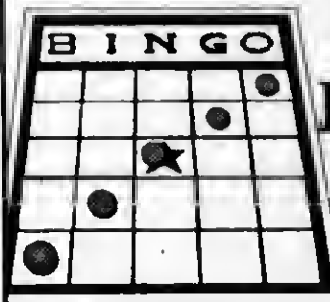
With full-time representation in Washington D.C., the NASE gives its members a strong political voice and the negotiating power that comes with group size. For example, the NASE has used its powerful voice to fight for reduced estate taxes on small businesses, increased deduction of health insurance for the self-employed, the home office deduction, social security reform and clarification of independent contractor status.

The NASE also offers more than 100 benefits geared to small businesses, including motivational and educational materials, an annual scholarship competition offering more than 20 scholarships, discounted long-distance service, travel savings and a toll-free business consultant service. The NASE's award-winning web site (www.nase.org) and bimonthly magazine Self-Employed America also offer a variety of small-business information.

To learn more about the NASE and the benefits it offers, call Laura Page at 708-363-8396.

The NASE is a national, non-profit, non-partisan association representing the smallest of small businesses. The NASE offers its members legislative advocacy and more than 100 other benefits including discounts on business products and services. More information on NASE can be found online at www.laurapage-ins.com.

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Watching Your Heart Health? St. Francis Offers CRP Test That Could Reveal Hidden Risks

You might be at risk for a heart attack and not even know it. Recent research has shown that even "heart healthy" people might be hiding a secret danger that could lead to heart attack - and a simple test could tell you if you are among them.

The high sensitivity CRP test (hsCRP), which has made national television headlines recently as a wise (and potentially necessary) precaution against heart attack, is one of the services offered at St. Francis Hospital's new Luke R. Pascale, M.D. Cardiovascular Center.

"The CRP test is a simple blood test that helps us de-

termine the level of inflammation in the body. When found in high levels in the coronary arteries, inflammation has been shown to cause heart attack without warning," says Dr. Joseph Stella, cardiologist with Heart Care Centers of Illinois at St. Francis. "There is no other way to measure the risk of inflammation and no obvious symptoms. Even those who eat a balanced diet, exercise and have low cholesterol could be at risk and not know it."

The test measures the level of C-reactive protein in the body, a protein that is made in response to inflammation. Higher levels of C-

reactive protein indicate higher levels of inflammation in the body and an increased chance of heart disease.

St. Francis Hospital also offers the Healthy Heart Exam, which includes: an EKG-monitored exercise test, total blood cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol, blood sugar, triglyceride level, blood pressure and percentage of body fat.

"These two tests complement each other," adds Dr. Stella. "The Healthy Heart Exam is vital because cholesterol levels and blood pressure are still the major indicators for heart disease. However, the CRP test is an-

other precaution in our fight against this killer. Any warning sign before a heart attack strikes will allow us to better treat the problem."

Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States today. In fact, one out of two Americans who die every year, die of a heart attack. Half of those individuals could have been saved if they had heeded the early warning signs of heart disease.

The hsCRP test involves a simple blood test and takes only minutes to perform on an outpatient basis. However, the test requires a physician order. Ask your doctor about a CRP test at your next visit.

For more information about the CRP test or the Healthy Heart Exam, call Maury Kulwin, director of cardiac services, at 708-824-4497.



Chicago seniors learn about shortcomings of new Medicare prescription drug law

"Medicare Road Show" Visits Chicago and Challenges Bush Administration's Hype of New Law With Support of Local Leaders

Families USA today held an event in Chicago, IL, to inform seniors about the new Medicare prescription drug law, including its many shortcomings. Over 125 attendees watched an educational video hosted by veteran anchorman Walter Cronkite and were encouraged to demand changes in the law.

"Seniors are bewildered by the law's bizarre and skimpy drug benefits, and they are angry that it prohibits Medicare from bargaining for more reasonable prices," said Families USA's Director of Government Affairs, Bill Vaughan. "This new law represents the biggest change to Medicare since the program's inception. It is almost 700 pages long and is very complex. Although seniors are disappointed and confused about the new Medicare law, they need to understand it so they can make choices that are in their best interest."

Congressman Bobby Rush (D-1), Congressman Rahm Emanuel (D-5) and Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-9) joined Vaughan in Chicago. The panel talked to seniors about

what they should expect from the new Medicare law. Seniors received a Tool Kit with written materials about the new law and watched the Cronkite video. Sydney Bild, one of the seniors featured in the video, was also on hand to talk with seniors.

"Unlike the Bush Administration, that spent millions of dollars of taxpayers' money on a 30-second political commercial that uses actors and provides no meaningful information about the new law, we joined forces with one of America's most respected journalists and listened to the concerns of real seniors. As a result, our video will truly help educate older Americans and will give them detailed information about the new law," said Vaughan.

Today's event is part of the first wave of the "Medicare Road Show", a campaign that will visit more than 20 cities across the U.S. between the months of March and May. Seniors at each event are encouraged to express their concerns about the new law, including writing letters to the editor and to members of Congress. At the same time, approximately 10,000 copies of the video are being distributed to senior centers and retirement communities across the country.

Families USA opposed the bill while it was being discussed in Congress and now hopes to lay the foundation for future changes to the law by raising awareness among seniors about its shortcomings. For example, the very first service provided by the new law this spring is misleading, offering seniors a discount card into which they will be locked for a year while the drugs covered by the card and the amount of the discount may change every week.

"The discount card doesn't do a lot of good in the context of a system that doesn't rein in prices. If prices are going up, for example, 15 percent a year, and the discount card is shaving off 10 percent, seniors will pay higher costs every year, even though they have a discount card," said Gail Shearer, Director of Health Policy of Consumers Union and an analyst featured in the Cronkite video.

To obtain a transcript of the video and a list of the cities in the first wave of the Medicare Road Show, log on to www.familiesusa.org.

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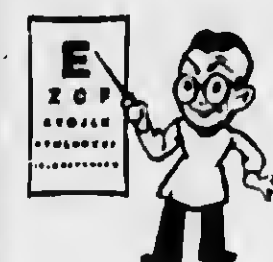
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Happy Birthday Frank Hansen

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You really should be thinking about your housing...buy, sell, move, redecorate, etc. This is a winning week too. G helps and an L.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You can't "make" people do what you want them to do. Try a little TLC...it may make a big difference. A Leo and a T aids.

Numi says: Let your anger and resentment dissolve...you don't need it, so do not feed it.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Look for a big difference in the attitude and actions of your mate...this is really something to think about. J helps, ask.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Someone has "assumed" something that affects your love or home life and it is not a correct assumption! E involved.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: If you know something needs attention and do nothing about it, you get yourself into big trouble. Water involved.

Numi says: Nothing happens out of order or by happenstance. Trust in your angel guides.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You cannot possibly think that all is well when strange things keep happening in the adverse. Message from H.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: J and N can be involved this week in a financial dealing. There is no time to waste on wishful thinking either. L involved.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Arles & Scorpio: Your own powers amaze you. There is a "yes I can" working inside and all around you. You are your best help!

Numi says: Do not fear the journey you are on, God is now and always has been with you.

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**My Psychic Observations & Insights:
No Connection Whatsoever**

Recently I am receiving inquiries about my "connections" to places that sell crystals, potions, tarot cards and amulets, etc. This is probably because this column is often placed close to ads by sellers of these items. I have not appeared at psychic fairs because of the many complaints I get from people telling me that they are being told identical things about their futures as the friends that accompany them to psychic fairs. What they do at these places they do, but I must be accountable only for what I do. I am a professional Psychic and NumAstrologist, and have no ties to any psychic organization or group of psychic or astrological promoters. I have to make this known because of the claims made by some people who profess to be psychic, and that they were trained by me or in some way they are connected to me. This kind of promoting of themselves can be properly labeled "usury." I can only stand behind what I do. I do not advocate or promote such things. I hope this clears up any and all confusion.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Using a notary public verifies your identity but does not necessarily make the document legal

Many important legal documents require the signature of a notary public. The signature or stamp of a notary however does not make the document legal.

A notary public acts as an official and unbiased witness to the identity of a person who comes to them for a specific purpose. In order to check the authenticity of the signature which appears on a document, the notary may ask to see photo identification, such as a driver's license, before notarizing your document. Notaries do not read the documents that they sign to see if the information in them is legally correct so in reality. The fact that a document is notarized does not relate in any way to the statements made in the document or the accuracy of the contents of the document. The notary only authenticates the signature of the person seeking notarization of his/her signature, nothing more.

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Once approved, the application will be mailed to the clerk of the county in which the applicant resides where it must be recorded before the applicant is officially a notary public. Notary publics re-

ceive a certificate verifying their authenticity and use official stamps. They must also keep accurate records of documents which they notarize. Most charge a small fee for their services.

The Illinois Notary Public Act, which was last amended in 1991, outlines the specific duties and responsibilities of a notary public as well as the punishments for anyone who engages in official misconduct relevant to the act.

For further information about law-related issues, contact an Illinois State Bar Association member-lawyer in your area or visit www.illinoislawyerfinder.com.

Note: This information was prepared as a public service by the Illinois State Bar Association and is a joint project with the Illinois Press Association. Its purpose is to inform citizens of their legal rights and obligations. Consult your lawyer if you have questions about the application of the law in a particular case.

Summer Golf Begins



The Summit Park District's Miniature Golf Course will be open starting Saturday, June 12th. Hours will be Saturday and Sunday 3-9 pm, and Monday through Friday, 4-9 pm. This is for the Miniature Golf Only!

The 17th annual Pat Cronin Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 7 at

Ridge Country Club, 105th & California, Chicago. Two shotgun starts are available: 8 am and 1:30 pm. In addition to golf outing gifts, food and plenty of beverages will be available on the course.

Afterwards, cocktails and dinner will be served with an auction going on throughout the evening. Tickets are \$350 per person. Proceeds from

the outing benefit St. Rita of Cascia High School. To reserve a spot and for more information, call 773-925-5029.

The United Way Southwest Suburban Golf Outing will be held Thursday, September 2nd at Solver Lake Country Club, Orland Park with a 9:30 am shotgun start. Call 708-333-1906 for more details

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Marist summer Sports and Art Camps

The Marist High School Athletic Department will host a variety of sports camps this summer for grammar school students. Camps include co-ed track and field, boys baseball, girls basketball, boys basketball, boys football, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls softball, girls tennis, boys tennis, girls volleyball, boys volleyball, and boys wrestling. There are also co-ed kiddie camps for basketball, volleyball, and tennis. There are a variety of dates, times, and sessions over the next three months. Sessions cost \$60 and include a tee-shirt.

In addition, Marist will also offer Art Camp for 3rd 8th graders in June. There are a variety of sessions for different age-groups.

Please call the Marist main office at 773-881-6360 to obtain the Marist Summer Sports Camps brochure and Art Camp flyer, which provides the details for each camp. All information and registration forms are also available from www.marist.net.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a private Catholic school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

Hillcrest Students Honored at District 228 Recognition Night

Bremen District 228 recently honored 40 students from each of its four high schools, Bremen, Tinley Park, Hillcrest and Oak Forest. Hillcrest High School Principal, Ms. Patricia Welch, presented Achievement Medallions to each of the Hillcrest Students honored at the District Student Recognition Night.

Top ten seniors, class of 2004: Country Club Hills: Sabrina Clark, Hazel Crest: Tiffany Fischer, Terrell Henderson, Christine Imarenezor, Daniel Jackson, Donnell McGhee, Nikita Odom, Ayodele Oke, Jade Petermon, Courtney Williams

Top five juniors, class of 2005: Country Club Hills: Danielle Hayes, Ashley Lewis, Shanika Roberts, Hazel Crest: Oluwale Idowu, Kirby Mullins

Top five sophomores, class of 2006: Country Club Hills: Asa Bailey, Hazel Crest: Christina Harris, Brittany Hayden, Crystal Hendricks, Atiyayein Wallace

Top five freshmen, class of 2007: Country Club Hills: Ashley Smith, Hazel Crest: Candace Carson, Angela Mills, Mashala Minter, Angela Wright

Community Service: Country Club Hills: Charity Fitten, Michelle McCullough, Anthony Prater, Keshia Woods, Hazel Crest: Vivian Shelton

Fine Arts: Country Club Hills: Bobby Cooks, Ashley Logan, Hazel Crest: Anthony Early, Fredrick Tapley, Arielle Wallace, Markham: James Hannah

Outstanding Athlete: Country Club Hills: Briana Dunlop, Jerel McNeal, James Smith, Hazel Crest: Maurice Acker



Sports Camps open

St. Laurence High School will be sponsoring Summer sports camps for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys. The schedule includes offerings in football (begins June 14), basketball (begins June 21), soccer (begins June 28) and baseball (begins July 5).

Supervision and instruction for all Summer Sports Camps is provided by St. Laurence High School Coaches and Varsity Varsity team members. The fee for each camp is \$50. Camps run Monday through Thursday, 10 am until noon.

Registration information on specific camps can be obtained by calling St. Laurence at 708-458-6900, ext. 256 or by visiting the web page at www.stlaurence.com and clicking on "Summer Camps".

Once again, Mother McAuley is proud to offer its summer running camp June 21-25 from 9-11 am for students entering 7th-12th grade. Running camp is an ideal introduction to the sport of running or as a way to hone your skills if you already have some running experience. Our four coaches have been coaching at McAuley two to fourteen years and our small number of campers guarantees individual attention.

Campers will receive a camp t-shirt along with a folder of instructional materials. Each of the five sessions will consist of 30-45 minutes of instruction followed by a warm-up run, stretching, a training run, and a cool-down.



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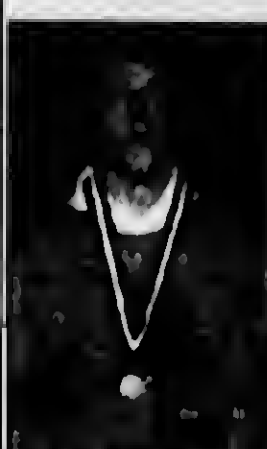
or even form a team. You can run whenever and wherever you wish and may begin running at any age. It is also a wonderful way to enjoy the great outdoors. Please call Coach Bob at (708) 423-0213 if you have any ques-


tions or wish an application. throughout the summer. Contact the school at 773-429-4300 between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm any school day to find out which person you need to contact, depending on the grade your child is going into.


Bros. Rice announced the schedules for its summer sports camps. This year six camps will be operated on the school grounds and will run at various times


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Golf (June 21-25)	Golf (July 26-30)
Basketball (June 28- July 1)	Volleyball (July 12-16)
Wrestling (July 19-23)	Soccer (July 23-30)

Time: All camps run from 9:00 - 12:00, except for Golf and Basketball
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As the number of seniors in America is expected to double to 70 million in the near future, the number of family members in Southwest Chicago and Southwest suburbs faced with the awesome responsibility of caring for aging loved ones will continue to skyrocket as well.

Family members in Southwest Chicago and the Suburbs attempting to balance the needs of aging loved ones with their own busy lives are often faced with

making quick decisions about care which can lead to additional stress. This gap is particularly evident among families with seniors who are in relatively good health who desperately want to continue to live at home, yet simply need companionship and help with daily tasks. Their own children deeply love and want to help, but simply can't be there often enough to attend to their daily needs. Frequently, this results in unnecessary levels of stress, frustration and conflict within

families.

Comfort Keepers, offers companionship and other non-medical services for aging adults, new mothers and others needing assistance, and began offering services throughout southwest Chicago and southwest suburbs in 2003. Recently Comfort Keepers was named as the #1 Senior Care Franchise and the #2 Top New Franchise by Entrepreneur magazine for 2004. Each location offers in-home services including companionship, meal preparation, light housekeeping, bathing and dressing, grocery shopping, transportation and more.

"National studies consistently show that more than 95 percent of seniors, age 75 and older, prefer to stay in the privacy of their own homes," said Sydney Schmidt, RN "With 75 percent of baby boomers nearing retirement within the next 10 years and the number of seniors projected to exceed 70 million over the next two decades, the need for non-medical care for aging adults will be tremendous."

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The majority of Comfort Keepers' caregivers are women between ages 41 and

55, typically "empty nesters" seeking to positively contribute to the community by providing friendship and other necessary services to older adults. Southwest Chicago and southwest suburb families who utilize Comfort Keepers especially appreciate that the company bonds and insures their caregivers, and also covers worker's compensation and other taxes.

Clients are also at ease because Comfort Keepers takes the time to get know their potential clients before matching them with a caregiver.

"We spend a considerable amount of time finding, interviewing and screening caregivers. What will always set us apart from independents is the professional service our caregivers provide and the peace of mind our clients have knowing that our caregivers are bonded, insured and carefully screened to be the best fit for their loved one," said Sydney Schmidt.

"There's a warm spot in all of our hearts for the senior population," noted Schmidt, who said the majority of Comfort Keepers' fran-

chises are drawn to the concept because of personal experiences in caring for an aging adult. "Our core service is based on passion and compassion for people who need help, and we deliver for them 100 percent."

About Comfort Keepers
Founded in 1998 by a registered home health care nurse and her husband, Comfort Keepers has grown to over 400 franchise owners throughout 44 states and Canada, and was named as the #1 Senior Care Franchise and the #2 Top New Franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine for 2004. For more information about Comfort Keepers services, call 708-424-4242 or visit www.comfortkeepers.com.

OLCHS holds Relay for Life


Oak Lawn High School announces the Relay for Life for the Cancer Society on June 4 and June 5, 2004 at the high school. Students gather in teams of 10-15 and each raises a minimum of \$100. Every family has been hit with cancer in the years and funding is needed to find a cure. The goal is to exceed last year and get \$70,000. As members of the community that care please support the event. Call the ACS at 800-920-1441.



H.O.G.s hold raffle

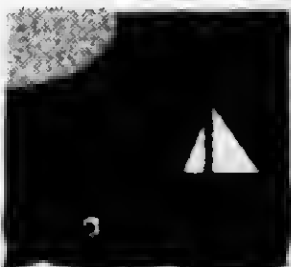
The Oak Lawn H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) Chapter is holding its annual benefit and raffle. The recipient has raised over \$90,000 in the past two years

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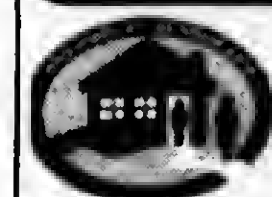
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WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE?

I didn't expect to actually witness the video beheading of American Nick Berg. It was while preparing a column about what I felt were ridiculous actions by our media and one irresponsible politician that I came face to face with the haunting images of a man being viciously murdered in cold blood.

For the past few weeks the news has been saturated with reports of Iraqi prisoner abuse at the hands of a few of our soldiers.

Along with a public apology, America has vowed to bring the guilty GI's to justice. The world has voiced its outrage at our soldiers' mistreatment of their captive enemies.

Then came the horrific video of American Nick Berg who was kidnapped by terrorists and beheaded. It aired on the internet, a gruesome act of barbarism for all the world to see.

Now, I'd like to know, where is the outrage from the world who thought that demeaning terrorist criminals was such an atrocity?

I'm beginning to seriously wonder what some people, who call themselves American, are thinking.

Our news media has chosen to keep the prison scandal in the spotlight while barely acknowledging the animalistic beheading of one of their own.

Oh, our media did report on it - giving just enough air time to relay the gory details - then it was right back to the indepth reporting on the deplorable actions of a few soldiers.

And then there is the questionable comment made by Ted Kennedy. His appalling criticism compared our soldiers' misconduct to Saddam's tyrannical reign as an evil, ruthless dictator.

Where is the outrage that a respected politician could get away with making such disparaging remarks?

As I witnessed the savage beheading of Nick Berg, I couldn't help but wonder, through disbelieving eyes, where is the voice of outrage from the powers that be in the Middle East?

Why does our country seem to accept such a heinous act of barbarism, yet bend over backwards to right a wrong of war, while the media seems bent on undermining our military?

Shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Preident Bush couldn't emphasize enough the importance of this country standing together as one. 'United We Stand' became the mantra for survival.

President Bush warned that our enemies would try to dissolve our resolve. Divide and conquer would be their method of success.

At that time most Americans were breathing a patriotic sigh of relief; believing our country would certainly stand united for the sake of America, for the all important sake of freedom.

Standing united has a whole lot more meaning then it did way back when President Bush stood amid the ashes of the World Trade Center, vowing to bring the evil doers to justice. And, we are at war with evil - the brutal reality of what we are up against is almost too demonic to comprehend.

With each new day, in this war, it is becoming ever more clear that it is not only Americans but the rest of the civilized world who must also stand up against the sadistic situations that are plaguing all peace loving people.

Our enemies are renegade soldiers of insanity who know no bounds and who will stop at nothing to spread their destruction.

There should be one world voice crying out for justice. Until that happens we will just have to continue asking the question, where is the outrage?

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Gardening Clubs meet

The Southside Garden Novices will hold their Fifth Annual Garden Market on Saturday, June 5th, from 9-2, rain or shine, in the Gazebo of the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, located at 10455 S. Ridgeland Ave.

Join us for a fun time...bring plants and exchange them for others of the same size; there will also be plants for sale at bargain prices, fresh baked goods, and used tools and books.

The regular meeting will also be held on June 8th at 7 pm at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall (east entry). The topic for the evening will be "Houseplants-division, repotting, problem-solving; a hands-on Demonstration". President Sue Collins invites members to bring a

houseplant for Show & Tell, or a problem "child" that needs a little help.

For more information, call 708/636-7931.

The Mount Greenwood Garden Club will host their annual garden walk, Sunday, July 6 25th, from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be water gardens, a walk in the woods, a children's garden, an English garden. At one stop there will be a Master Gardener demonstrating propagating roses from cuttings. Tow gardens won first place in Mayor Daley's 2003 Landscapes Award Program, one for naturalized gardens and another for single family residential. Tickets are \$7. For more information or tickets, call Donna, 773-233-6121.

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Gourmet Garden, already a big hit in Australia and England, is now available in the United States. Found in the fresh produce section of your neighborhood grocery store, it is available in six flavors, including Basil, Garlic, Chili, Cilantro, Ginger and Lemongrass. They come in 4-ounce clear tube packages and retail for \$3.99 each.

For more delicious Gourmet Garden recipes visit www.gourmetgarden.com. Gourmet Garden may be reached at 86 Palmwoods, Montville Rd., Palmwoods 4555, Queensland, Australia — or write to them at info@gourmetgarden.com, or alternatively contact Christie Communications at (805) 969-3744

Chicken and Nectarine Skewers

Step 1 — Mix ½ a cup of soy sauce, 1 tablespoon of honey, 1 teaspoon GG Garlic and GG Ginger into a bowl with 18oz. (500g) diced chicken pieces. Let stand for 15-20 mins.

Step 2 — Place marinated chicken and sliced nectarines on skewers alternating placement on the skewer.

Step 3 — Cook skewers on a grill or fry pan until chicken is cooked brushing with marinade occasionally.

Step 4 — Serve with pita bread. Great at a BBQ!

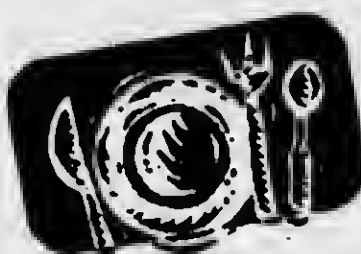
Barbecued Basil Burger

1: Mix 1lb ground beef with an egg, ½ finely chopped onion, 1 tablespoon of soy and 1 tablespoon of honey.

2: Mix in 2 tablespoons of Gourmet Garden Basil and 1 teaspoon of Gourmet Garden Garlic and form into 4 patties.

3: Fry until browned and cooked through.

4: Halve 4 Kaiser buns. Serve cooked patties on buns with cheese, lettuce and tomato. Enjoy! Serves 4.



Lawry's kicks off 9th year of 'Menu for Success' program

A radio commercial highlighting their lip-smacking "Slim Slammin' Salmon," tasty "Off-The-Heezy Mashed Potatoes" and tangy "MC Lite Turkey Meatballs" is just one of the reasons the 8th graders at Chicago's Edward White Academy won the 2004 Menu For Success competition, sponsored by LAWRY'S Foods. The students' concept for the Hip-Hop Healthy Eating Café was very creative and included a multimedia demonstration, a PowerPoint presentation and an actual model of the restaurant.

As the grand prize winner, Edward White Academy receives \$500 and had a mock grand opening celebration at their school, located at 1136 W. 122nd St., on May 25th. Chef Michael Scay, caterer/owner of Always in Scayson and the official LAWRY'S Menu For Success chef, and his staff will prepare several items from Hip-Hop Healthy Eating Café's menu. The students served as managers and hosts.

During the contest, the field was whittled down to the top three by scoring the entries on creativity, business strategy, overall presentation and the likelihood of success. With more than 70 entries featuring low-fat, healthy foods, the judges had their hands and minds filled with spectacular restaurant concepts. But the Hip-Hop Healthy Eating Café fulfilled the guidelines of the contest and brought the victory home by addressing the need for offering their patrons a healthy and nutritious product that is first-class in taste and nutritional value.

"The whole music thing is what's happening now," said chef Michael Scay, who served as one of the judges. "Any business is about money, but it's really about what the public wants. Originality. There are a lot of things to keep people here besides the food," he added, referring to the restaurant's arcade room and DJ booth.

LAWRY'S launched the cross-curricular competition in 1996 for public elementary and middle school students in Chicago in order to nurture and stimulate their creative and entrepreneurial spirit. Menu For Success inspires children to learn business basics at an early age, while showing them the importance of teamwork, planning and hard work.

McKinley Park Elementary School's 4th grade class won \$250 for finishing in second place with Around the World Buffet, which features an array of international cuisine. Rosario Castellanos' 8th graders will take home \$100 for Aztec, a Mexican-themed restaurant.

Visit www.lawrys.com to learn more about LAWRY'S community involvement and to find delicious recipes your family will enjoy.

Lovells to host Wine Dinner

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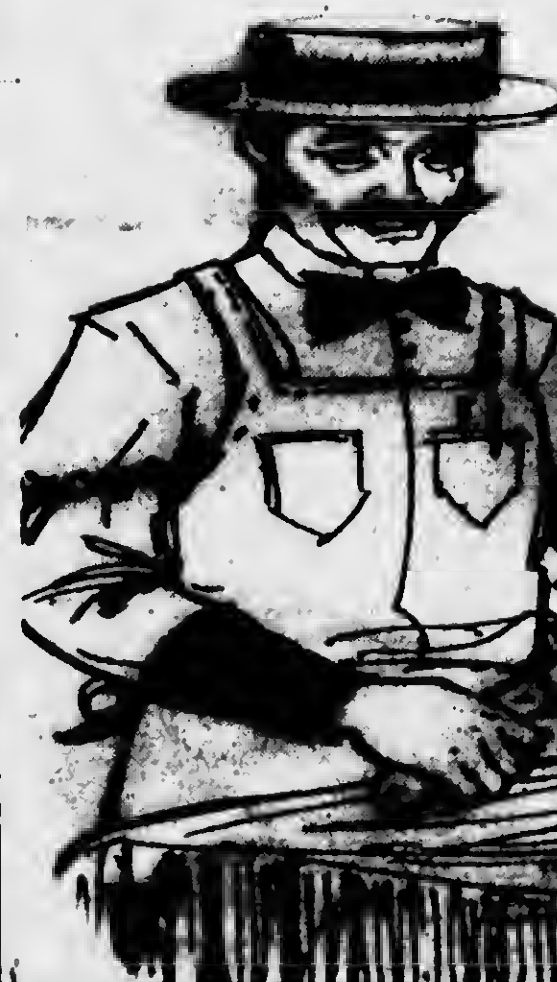
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Upon entering Peppercorn, you get the feeling that you are entering an ultra hip, near-north establishment. Despotovic's UnDiAmo restaurant from the Old Town section of Chicago still draws customers from the city out to the suburbs. Reminiscent of the old supperclubs, Peppercorn

has been changing the complexion of what it means to dine in the southwest suburbs since May of 2001 (and two years previously in Palos Heights at the Westgate Country Club).

Immediately, you will feel the warmth of the Blue Martini lounge stretched out to your left with a fifty-two foot slate and stamped metal bar. A knowledgeable and courteous bar staff will help you choose from the Martini menu which hosts thirty-some tried and true martini recipes along with some innovative weekly specials. Some favorites are the Passion & Pagne (Champagne, Alize Red Passion, pineapple liquor), the standard Chocolate Martini and the trendy new Hypnotiq Martini made with vodka and the cognac and passion fruit flavored Hypnotiq Liquor. You can choose from an extensive selection of wines by the glass or construct a wine flight, which is a sampling of three of the most interesting picks.

On Friday and Saturday evenings from 9 p.m. to 1

a.m., The Blue Martini lounge hosts a circuit of live entertainment from the Chicago King Snakes and Toranzo & The Cannonball Express (Blues style) to popular favorites by other acts. A dancefloor is available and often put to the test by clientele caught up in the spirit of Peppercorn.

However, there is no denying that the food is the main course. Peppercorn features a number of hand-cut steaks, an outstanding selection of fresh seafood and creative combinations of fresh pasta dishes with the same Northern Italian and Southern French influences as you see on the walls around you. You will receive a full page list of specials with a special Low Carb section listing a Mixed Grill (of Filet Mignon, Boneless Pork Loin Chop and chicken breast), a Broiled Salmon Balsamico over mixed baby greens and Pollo alla Diavolo. The other specials include: Spaghetti alla Putanesca Romana, Gulf Shrimp sauteed with anchovies, garlic, capers, fresh basil, and tomatoes in a lightly spicy tomato sauce served over pasta with shaved Parmigiana cheese, as well as a Lemon Dover Sole and a Char-Grilled Veal T-Bone with sauteed mushrooms and onions, fresh vegetables and a choice of potato. The six special entrees were priced from \$13.95 to \$18.95, definitely fine dining without the fine dining prices.

Lightly toasted Coconut Shrimp over a light creamy vanilla and passion fruit sauce as well as individual or combination platters of Brushetta Pasquale, Grilled

or Fried Calamari, Creole Crab Cakes, Grilled Portabella Mushrooms, and Carpaccio (paper thin peppered beef tenderloin) are all available for appetizer course. The popular Apple Ravioli is offered as both appetizer and entree with its apple filled ravioli, smoked chicken breast, sun-dried tomatoes all in a creamy parmigiana sauce. It won't get lonely with its thirty five other friends listed as entrees from the Dijon Salmon and Almond Crusted Salmon to Australian Lobster Tails, a Lobster Fettuccini, Veal Cognac, Blackened Pork chops with a Mango salsa, and Garlic Crusted Prime Rib to boot. Peppercorn has a versatile and extensive menu which offers unique combinations that are sure to suit your taste buds.

Peppercorn also has a lavish, newly established Private Banquet Room that can accommodate up to sixty people and facilities for larger groups. The custom banquet menus and extensive wine list are a value unmatched for anyone planning a party.

Don't miss the Classic Car Show on Sunday, June 6th from 12 pm - 4 pm. There will be an incredible line-up of muscle cars, classics, as well as new Ferraris and Lamborghinis. Outdoor BBQ Grill and beverages will be available. Bring the kids.



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Rembrandt's life and works inspired great enthusiasm as Ridge Academy's fifth through eighth graders described their recent trip to The Art Institute of Chicago. Students' voices spilled over one another as they talked about visiting the Institute's current Rembrandt exhibition.

"He used different light sources in one painting," one student said. "A fireplace, or reflected light off an object, or light from a nearby house."

Another student cut in with, "He painted a face the popped out at you like 3-D. The skin color was like real, oily and shiny in some spots."

This prompted another student to say: "When he painted religious stuff, like Mary and Jesus, they looked like average people walking their doggie with their baby. This was the first time anyone ever did that."

Students were fortunate to

attend a performance, Rembrandt's World, - available for only two days - that invited audience participation and included a lute player. Students also learned about Rembrandt's work in copper then watched the painstaking process as an artist created a copper plate in person.

"It takes such a long time to make something in copper," an eighth grader said. "We heard about it first. But then to see someone do it, it's easier to see how hard it really was."

Students described the awe of being able to see the only remaining Rembrandt copper plate that had never been reworked by another artist. They also spoke of how the ups and downs in Rembrandt's life were reflected in his paintings. The birth of his baby preceded cheery paintings, while paintings following his bankruptcy and the deaths of his wife and son reflected somber tones and emotions.

Tinley Park High School's Golden Apple Nominees

Five of our Titan teachers, from five different departments, were nominated for the prestigious Golden Apple Award. These dedicated teachers put forth their best efforts to ensure a quality education for Tinley Park High School students. The five talented teachers include: Band Teacher, Vince Aiello, Foreign Language Teacher, Selime Baftiri, Physical Education teacher, Ginny Tolefree, Social Studies teacher, Dan Uniek, and Math teacher, Joe Weber. Congratulations to all five of these deserving educators!

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Evergreen Park student takes seat on Moraine Valley Board of Trustees: Amanda Gerstner of Evergreen Park receives congratulations from John J. Daley, secretary of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees, after being sworn in as student trustee. Sandra S. Wagner, board chairman, looks on.

Moraine Valley's new student trustee wants to involve students

Amanda Gerstner, new student trustee at Moraine Valley, thinks too many of her fellow students are not getting all they can from their college experience, so she's out to change all that.

Gerstner of Evergreen Park, was sworn in April 21 as student trustee, succeeding Casey Banks of Orland Park. Student trustees serve one-year terms. She and her twin sister, Rebecca, continue a family tradition of attending Moraine Valley. Her older sister, Lauren, and an uncle, Len Gerstner, attended the college, and her mother, Mary Claire Gerstner,

is also taking classes. In fact, Lauren provided the spark for Amanda's desire to become actively involved in Moraine Valley student activities. "My sister was not involved, and I wanted more out of my college experience than just attending classes like most traditional-aged students. It's important that they know more about Moraine Valley than just their classes. They need to find an area where they can grow," the Mother McAuley High School graduate said. She believes she can help in that regard.

As student trustee for the 2004-05 academic year, Gerstner wants to talk with campus clubs and organizations to see how they can increase membership and then get their members to participate actively. She already has some insight in this area. She will also serve in 2004-05 as vice president of Inside Fellowship for the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society for two-year colleges. She will act as a liaison with all organizations on campus. She also is a member of the Student Government Association and a writer for the

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Glacier, Moraine Valley's student newspaper. As trustee, she will write a column for the paper.

Gerstner, who is in the college's Phlebotomy program, also wants to start a project to get students to register to vote. "I will talk with all clubs to get them to help. I'd like to talk with our speech instructors to see if they can get students to do their speeches on the importance of voting. I don't think young people realize that they have to be concerned about political affairs. Political decisions affect them more than they know," she

said.

That was one of the reasons she sought the office of student trustee. Being actively involved in Phi Theta Kappa gave her many experiences and was helpful, but she wants to gain more leadership experience. Former student trustee Banks discussed with her how much he had gained from his year on the Board of Trustees, and "I want those same experiences," she said.

As student trustee, Gerstner reports at board meetings on student activities and accomplishments and reports back to the stu-

dent body on board action. She also serves as an Illinois Community College Board student representative. She will attend Illinois Community College Trustees Association meetings in Chicago and Springfield and take part in Lobby Days at the state and federal levels. "I want to make a difference. I want to get more involved."

It appears she is well on her way.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275, or e-mail: horstmeyer@morainvalley.edu.

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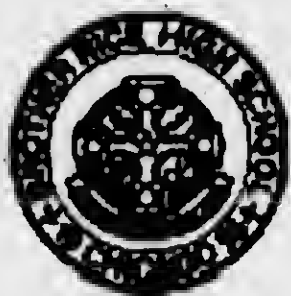
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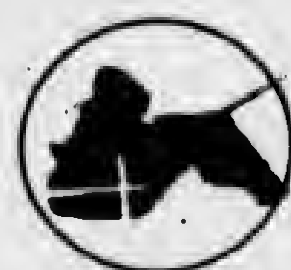


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Renee Redican and Keith Rumbaugh as Hedy and Bert in OLPH How to Succeed production

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Tickets are now on sale for the OLPD early summer production of *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*. Performances are scheduled for 8pm on June 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 and 3pm on Sunday June 6 and 13. For tickets call OLPD at 708-857-2200.

The Arts Calendar Events

The Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University ended the fall-spring programming with a wallop starring jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves and her trio. She was spectacular and is often compared to great artists Sarah Vaughn and Ella.

The south side got lucky as the north performance was postponed due to weather and power problems. She began her programming with *Morning Has Broken* in a semi-gospel style. A song she wrote and performed was titled *Nine*. It was awesome remembering back to nine years in age. It was very definitely a salt and pepper audience who gave her a standing ovation.

Annie comes to the CPA at GSU performed by Light Opera Works of Evanston. A workshop will be from June 21-through 25 at GSU. The performance is June 25th at 7pm. Local park districts will participate including Homewood-Flossmoor, Crete, Tinley Park, Frankfort, Oak

Forest, Alsip and Matheson. Southland residents may call one of the local park districts to secure information on registering for the week long summer camp. Call 708-235-2222 at the CPA.

Rhythm and Blues comes to Orchestra Hall in the end of June with legends the Four Kings of Rhythm and Blues for classic songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's on June 26.

Favorites we can remember are *Stand by Me*, *Save the Last Dance for Me* and *Lawdy Miss Clawdy*. Tickets are \$20-79 at the phone charge 312-294-3000.

The Mayor's Office of Special Events in Chicago announces the parade season kick-off through summer. The Puerto Rican Parade is June 19 at noon at Columbus from Balbo to Monroe. The Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade is June 27 at noon on Halsted from Broadway to Diversey.

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Laughter at Navy Pier's Shakespeare Theater

late spring-early summer production is the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. It runs through August 1, 2004. Ray Frewen will direct the production. Starring are Craig Spidle (last years *Man who came to Dinner*), Iris Lieberman and Renee Mathews as matchmaker. Tickets are \$22-\$26. For reservations call the box office at 630-530-0111.

Outstanding programming returns to Chicago's Navy Pier with live music, two outdoor sculpture exhibits, a visiting tall ship, fireworks twice a week and daily free family entertainment. Thursday will feature through the summer Family Fun including the Ferris Wheel, Wave Swinger, Carousel, Miniature Golf and Rocking Horse and Cliff Climb. Navy Pier Walk 2004 is one of the world's largest temporary outdoor exhibitions through November 8. Two stages Skyline and the Miller Light Stage in the Beer Garden will have live entertainment. Skyline tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster by calling 312-559-1212. The tall ship H.M.S. Bounty will be docked through October 31. Admission is free. Shopping and food (dining) is available everywhere on the Pier.

The Stolen Buick Studio hosts its Spring Exhibition on the Allure of Windows through June. It features a multi-media group of 11 artists and the combination presents a unique view a commonplace architectural element most people do not always notice immediately. Windows allow us to peer into a inner space to see what's going on inside.

Call the Studio at 312-26-5902 for information. Regular hours are 12-5pm weekdays.

The Museum of Contemporary Art kicks off its eight Arts Camp 2004. Students become artists from June 28 through August 20. Classes take place Monday-Friday from 9-12noon and are limited to 15 students. Prices vary for puppeteer and teen students. Call 312-397-4010 to register. Scholarships are available based on financial

Imagine a spoof on *Romeo and Juliet* (R & J). We all know the age-old story set in Verona. Just fathom Romeo singing to his dead ladylove the ditty "Thank You for Dying First".

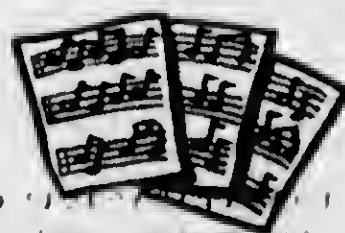
The Chicago Shakespeare Theater known for its respectful productions of Bard's works, has in other summers shown humor in using its upstairs theater for stage with Second City comedic endeavors.

This summer the hilarious romp through Shakespeare's world takes a whack at these star-crossed-lovers. This year's tale is *The Second City's Romeo and Juliet Musical: The People vs. Friar Laurence: The Man who Killed Romeo and Juliet*. Directed by Second City's clever Ron West this smart comedy is an amusing summer production and is obviously emotion for a musical Montague.

Romeo and Juliet are lovers played by Nicole Parker and Keegan-Michael Key. Both are from FOX's "MADtv" and possess a good grasp of comedic timing and are a delight to watch. She extracts in the play a post mortem admission he was a lousy kisser anyway. Hapless Friar Laurence who dispensed the

needs. Art Camp offers courses for campers 6-12 in Building Ideas, Multi Arts, Painting, Performance, Photography / Collage and Puppeteers. For 13-15 year olds there is Digital Art, Drawing Comics, Theatrical Design and Fashion Design.

Explore Chicago's newest nightlife frontier at the Adler Planetarium's Lunar Lounge beginning June 3. Drinks are available. Luna Cabana features live salsa music begins at 5pm. The Sonic Vision's show begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$10. Call 312-294-0361 for more information.



deadly potion, is on the hot-seat as he tries to wiggle out of his role in the demise of R & J. Even in 16th century Verona, providing and giving a coma-inducing drug to a 14 year old is not a wise move.

Creators West and Phil Swann attach the older master's words and add a blizzard of hilarious laughing moments that rive up the original story line.

It is a land of witty songs; wacky characters and silly modern references, which fit together, like an old puzzle. Its first act ran smoothly but the drawn-out ending needs tightening.

Juliet (Parker) is exquisite to watch and is a subtle comedian of unbound talent and has a great Broadway-quality voice. She does each song, with power that sparkles and together with Romeo (Keegan-Kay) in the duets, they are marvelous.

The cast is dressed in modern clothes and this R & J might look like a typical Second City skit, but is way more. Musically with piano accompaniment provided by Lisa McQueen, the story goes along the best of musical theater. Parker and Key in the duet "We're the Ones who Started it All", provide

the list of witty lovers who took inspiration from their story. We know Kate and Leo, Demi and Ashton, Frodo and Sam and Tracy and Hepburn who "send royalty checks".

Bruce Green as dual characters Friar Laurence and Juliet's nurse is sly and slippery. Chicago musical theater vet Roberta Duchak is there to set herself splendidly as Lady Capulet trapped like a rat. Ron West is a wiry aloof Lord Capulet. David Castellani as Mercutio and Brian Gallivan as an effeminate Tybalt have supporting roles. In talking to Gallivan, from San Francisco, it was mentioned he produced the Chicago production. It was pointed out the production is a PG-13 and they might have to tone it down a bit for audiences here and to tie up the second act.

The solid cast performs the whirlwind roles with great ease and all have excellent training in various improv groups and it shows.

The performance runs through August 15 in the theater Upstairs. Performances are Wed. and Thurs. at 7pm, Fri. and Sat. at 7 and 10pm, and Sun. at 2pm. Tickets are \$25-\$28. Call the box office at 312-595-5600.



Chicago Shakespeare Theater and Second City Theatricals present Nicole Parker (Juliet) and Keegan-Michael Key (Romeo) as the star-crossed lovers.

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There are approximately 31 million cases of sinusitis reported every year. While not life-threatening, sinusitis can disrupt your lifestyle. People suffering from sinusitis miss an average of four days of work every year. Many sinusitis infections are



viral and resolve on their own; they can not be treated with antibiotics. However bacterial sinus infections may require antibiotics to get

better.

The symptoms of sinusitis can include nasal drainage or congestion, facial pressure, lessened ability to smell, fever, cough, fatigue and ear pressure. If you have these symptoms and they do not improve or worsen you may have a bacterial infection. Many antibiotics are highly effective against bacterial sinusitis, wiping out the infection so you can feel better and get back to your normal routine.

The Sinus and Allergy Health Partnership, a consortium of experts in treating upper respiratory infections, just released new guidelines to help doctors better diagnose and treat sinusitis infections. These guidelines outline the most effective antibiotic choices. If you have been diagnosed with bacterial sinusitis, talk to your doctor about choosing the most effective antibiotic, one that is recommended by the guidelines. Make sure to ask

your doctor about convenient dosing options and antibiotics with extended spectrum.

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fering from a sinus infection, talk to your doctor.

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Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin recently honored the Varsity Cheerleading Team from St. Michael Catholic School at a village Board of Trustees meeting. The team won the 2004 State Cheerleading Title. This is the fifth time in seven years they have won the title.

Donald Bettenhausen Named Orland Fire Protection District Chief

Career Fire Service Professional To Take The Helm In August

At a recent meeting, the Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees unanimously voted to name Donald Bettenhausen fire chief for the 33 square mile Orland Fire Protection District.

A resident of Tinley Park, Bettenhausen, 46, currently serves as assistant fire chief for the Hazelcrest Fire Department, where he has worked for the last 25 years. Orland's chief must reside within the Orland Fire Protection District and Bettenhausen and his family will move to the Orland area within twelve months of his appointment.

"Don Bettenhausen has made a lot of things happen during his many years in fire service," said Orland Fire Protection Board President Jack Leddin, who seconded

Bettenhausen's appointment and voted by phone. "He will make a lot of things happen in the Orland Fire Protection District, working with the people of the district," Leddin continued.

Trustee Dale Karlson chaired the meeting in Leddin's absence, accepting the motion of Trustee Cindy Nelson-Katsenes to name Bettenhausen to the post.

"Our nine month search for a chief is over," Nelson-Katsenes said when making the motion to accept Bettenhausen's contract. Karlson explained that Bettenhausen will join the district as a consultant on August 1st, 2004, at which time he will work with Acting Chief Dan Wysocki as he meets the staff and learns more about the district. Bettenhausen will be sworn

in as chief of the Orland Fire Protection District on August 18th, 2004.

Bettenhausen's contract commences when the district's current contract with retired Chief Robert Buhs expires. Until that time, Acting Chief Dan Wysocki will continue to lead the district on a daily basis.

"The board was especially impressed with Don Bettenhausen's years of experience," said Orland Fire Trustee Patrick Maher. "Not only has he worked his way through the fire service ranks, Don has the administrative experience required to lead the Orland Fire Protection District," Maher added.

Bettenhausen holds a Master of Public Safety Administration Degree from Lewis University and a

Bringing back the nostalgia in Orland

Orland Park residents who have fond memories of ordering burgers and root beer floats at an A&W® drive-in restaurant are in for a treat. The Long John Silver's®/A&W All American Food® location at 15858 S. LaGrange Rd. in Orland Park began offering curb ser-

vice on Saturday, May 29.

Curb service will be available at the restaurant each Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. The restaurant will designate six parking spaces for curb service, and customers will be greeted by carhops who will take their orders while rock & roll music plays in the background.

"We want to bring back a little of the 1950s nostalgia that is a part of so many people's memories of A&W drive-ins," said George Glass, Area Coach for Long John Silver's/A&W. "We think that offering curb service will bring back some great memories for our customers - burgers and root beer floats served at your car on a Saturday night."

Restaurant General Manager Ben Jungman is adding staff to handle Saturday night curb service business. Carhops decked out in festive uniforms will take the orders of customers in their cars. The carhop will then call in the order via radio, collect money from the customer, and return with change and food served on a tray that fits on the side of the car.

"We want to make our restaurant the Saturday night destination of choice for Orland Park families," Glass said. "Our employees are very excited about being a part of this 'blast from the past' and everyone we've talked to thinks it's a great idea. We can't wait to get started!"

Long John Silver's, Inc. founded in 1969, was based in Louisville, Kentucky, was inspired by Robert Louis Stevenson's classic Treasure Island.

A&W Restaurants, Inc., the longest running quick service franchise chain in America, is celebrating its 85th anniversary in 2004.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He holds memberships in a number of regional, state, federal and international fire service organizations.

Orland Fire Trustee Patricia Corcoran said, "Don Bettenhausen offers the Orland Fire Protection District years of fire and emergency medical, planning, financial analysis and administrative experience. We're happy to have him on board."

Of his being named chief of the Orland Fire Protection District, Bettenhausen said, "I am privileged to have the opportunity to lead and manage a great organization."

He continued, "I would like to thank the Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for their expression of confidence in my abilities. I am especially looking forward to working with a talented and well-trained staff of battalion chiefs, administrative staff and the members of the IAFF Local #2754."

Bettenhausen becomes the third fire chief in the 35-



Donald Bettenhausen

year history of the Orland Fire Protection District, which was created in 1969.

Fire service in the Orland area dates back to 1894 when the then Orland Park Volunteer Fire Department was created. The Orland Fire Protection District, a separate government entity, was formed in 1969.

Now, 110 years since fire service first came to the area, the Orland Fire Protection District boasts more than 100 full-time suppression and emergency medical service personnel plus an additional 30 support staff. The district serves 33 square miles that include a population of more

than 75,000 people. Rated as a Class 2 fire district by the Insurance Services Office, Inc., the Orland Fire Protection District is recognized as one of the premier fire/emergency medical service organizations in the State of Illinois.



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World's largest water garden to tour

The world's largest water garden tours in Chicagoland Parade of Ponds this summer. The two-day event is July 17 and 18. Visitors are invited to tour some of the counties most beautiful private pools and water gardens. The tour extends north to Lake County, west to Kane County and as far south as Will County. They will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 5 on Sunday. To find the location of nearby garden and pond centers where tickets (\$15) are available call 630-326-2400 or visit the web at www.aquacapedesigns.com.

H.O.G.s hold raffle

The Oak Lawn H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) Chapter is holding its annual benefit and raffle. The recipient has raised over \$90,000 in the past two years to benefit Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. Chapter members are selling \$2 raffle tickets to raise money for the event. Tickets can be gotten at the Harley dealership at 111th and Cicero. The drawing is July 24, 2004.

OLCHS holds "Relay for Life"

Oak Lawn High School announces the Relay for Life for the Cancer Society on June 4 and June 5, 2004 at the high school. Students gather in teams of 10-15 and each raises a minimum of \$100. Every family has been hit with cancer in the years and funding is needed to find a cure. The goal is to exceed last year and get \$70,000. As members of the community that care please support the event. Call the ACS at 800-920-1441.

VBS in Orland for June

Vacation Bible School at Ashburn Baptist Church (ABC) in Orland Park is June 14-18 from 9am to 12:15pm. Registration is open to young persons 4 years old to 9th grade. There is no fee. ABC is located at Wolf Road and 153rd St.

A Tees vacation bible school is July 12-16 at 7pm each evening. Chicago location bible school is 3647 W. 83rd St. from July 19-23.

Orland Park receives grant for Farmers' Market

The Village of Orland Park is the proud recipient of a \$7,250.00 grant from the Illinois Department of Agriculture for its Farmers' Market. The funds are to be used to produce a television segment and other advertising materials to promote the village's Farmers' Market.

Trustee Kathy Fenton, who was instrumental in starting the Farmers' Market said, "We are delighted to receive this grant from the Illinois Department of Agriculture. It gives us a great resource to help promote the market."

This is the third year the village will sponsor the Farmers' Market. The market will open for the season

on Friday, June 11th outside the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. The market is open every Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 8th.

The 2004 market will feature 27 vendors selling fruits and vegetables, bakery goods, breads, flowers and plants, gourmet mixes, jellies and jams, candles, jewelry, kettle corn and more. In addition, Farmer Frank's Barbeque Lunches are available from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through August. Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and chicken sandwiches, along with chips, a drink and cookie are offered for a nominal price.

OFHS Academic Boosters Award Scholarship

The Academic Boosters of Oak Forest High School recently held their 17th Annual Recognition Awards Banquet. Students from academic activities and clubs were recognized and honored for their many achievements. The honorees were awarded academic letters, pins, plaques and certificates. Mary Zemaitis is pictured with the President of

"Roar for Tabour"

On Thursday, June 10th from 7-9 pm, there will be a Candidacy Comedy Jam for Jason E. Tabour, Candidate, State Representative, at the Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Hall, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave, Chicago Ridge.

Admission price, which includes snacks and show is \$15. For more information, call 708 / 334-3401

Book Fair to be held

Twenty-eight Universe authors will exhibit at the Chicago Tribune Printers Row Book Fair on June 5-6. The Book Fair is located on South Dearborn between Congress and Polk and at the Harold Washington Library Center in downtown Chicago.


VBS in OL

Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church has kids programs from preschoolers to 5th grade in Power up for Jesus! Vacation Bible School.

The program runs June 21-25 from 9:15am to noon. The location is 104th and Kostner Oak Lawn. Call 708-423-6554 to register. Adults can ask anything on Sunday June 27 during the 10:30am worship.




the Booster Club, Lois Kahne who presented her with a \$1000.00 scholarship. Mary plans on attending the University of Illinois at Champaign and major in English and minor in Theatre. She is very active in the Thespian Society, Group Interpretation, Speech Team and the school newspaper. She has earned the rank of number three in her graduating class.



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St. James Hospital and Health Centers' Mission Services Department is now collecting sample size shampoos, soaps, lotions, toothpaste and other toiletries for the needy. The items will be used to distribute hygiene packages in our local area to the homeless served by PADS and other healthcare clinics. If you would like to donate items, please call 708.756.1000, ext. 6888.

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Chicago Ridge Local Government Night

By Matt Mayer

It was "Youth in Government Night" at the May 18 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Chicago Ridge officials and their respective leaders from Finley Junior High and Our Lady of the Ridge Schools are as follows: President Siegel - Matt Grove, Clerk Tokar - Sabreen Razik; Trustee Babcock - Jasser Khairallah; Trustee Badon - Meggan Carroll; Trustee Quintos - Aldona Pñatas; Trustee Pratt - Jessica Kelly; Trustee Saunders - Samantha Sarchioto; Trustee Socha - Veronica Islas; Treasurer Duignan - Rebecca Gulley; Attorney Witous - Lauren Pyznarski; Engineer Burk - Hannah Osinski; Police Chief Balderman - Kourtney King; Fire Chief Grossi - Matt Daoud; Public Works Director Lind - Michael Liston; Youth Service Bureau Director Zwirkoski - Loubna Tawil. Teachers Mrs. Jayne Nolan of Finley Junior High School and Mrs. Panovich of Our Lady of the Ridge School represented the students.

The Trustees concurred with the votes of the students. The board approved the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus dues in the amount of \$353.18. Our Lady of the Ridge Walk-A-Thon was also approved and was held on May 20, a business license for a new owner for Chad's Fish and Critters at 10344 S. Oak Park Ave was approved as well as a resolution for a proposed Penny Lane Day Care at 103rd and Ridgeland.

A fence variation at 10301 S. Natoma Ave and at 6237 Washington St. was approved as well as the purchase of new carpeting for

Fire Station 2 in the amount of \$1,400. A contract with Crest Cement for the 50-50 sidewalk program at the same price as last year was also approved. The board approved a request from Police Chief Baldermann to hire one full time police officer, two part time desk em-

ployees, and one clerical employee.

The meeting commenced with the board approving the following contracts for the RidgeFest: Becky with Keanu Reeves, The Bacon Brothers with Kevin Bacon, Survivor, Lounge Puppets, M7R Rush, Lisa Renee Band, Smackdown Melrose Fireworks, Braun Tents, National Rent-A-Fence, Niarome Clown Troupe, High Action BMX Bike Show, Karaoke, Bungee Jump, Rock Climbing Wall, Circus Boy and Ms. Illinois.

Critter Crusaders dedicated to their mission in Chicago Ridge

You never know when you'll spot Amanda Holwell bringing animals to visit seniors at Lexington Health Care Center in Chicago Ridge.

Holwell works at the Animal Welfare League. She is not only a Volunteer Coordinator, but also in charge of the Humane Education Department. In both capacities, she doesn't miss a beat in appearing whenever - and wherever - possible she and her volunteers can add a little love to someone's day.

"I have to say that our pet therapy program at Lexington Health Care Center works out 100 percent in so many different ways, Holwell explains. "First off, the animals who need homes get socialization skills," she says. The more the animals adapt to people, the more adoptable they become.

And, Lexington Health Care Center, which is right

across the street from the League, has become the training facility for the volunteers. "We've had such a wonderful working relationship with the residents, the nurses, and the staff members that it's the perfect location to help us train our new recruits."

Rabbits, guinea pigs and ferrets make occasional appearances, but most of the animals brought by volunteers are dogs and cats. "Many Chicago Ridge seniors used to have companion animals at home with them. Now that they live with us in a homelike environment, they're all extremely enthusiastic with the weekly visits to pet, cuddle and talk to the animals," says administrator Marichu Bueno.

"Nurses and relatives of some of the Alzheimers patients are astounded when a person, who hasn't smiled or spoken for along time, has a

Maloney bill addresses consumer fraud

State Senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) wants to ensure that people have recourse for public utilities violations.

The legislation will allow the State's Attorney and the Attorney General's Office to enforce consumer protection laws that revolve around the Public Utilities Act. One example of a violation would

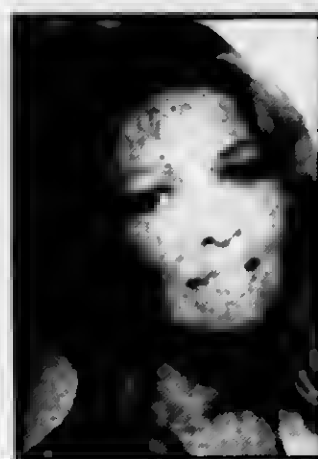
be when a customer is overcharged on their public utilities bill. In addition, this legislation will provide legal aid for the victim under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Senator Maloney's legislation would require the Illinois Commerce Commission to cooperate with the State's Attorney and the Attorney General's Office by provid-

ing them with information and forwarding them complaints regarding violations of the Public Utilities Act.

"This legislation is a necessary preemptive measure to the increased deregulation of the public utility industry," said Maloney. "Traditional consumer protections should be available to consumers of these industries in addition to the accountability these industries have to the Illinois Commerce Commission."

Senate Bill 2907 has passed the Senate and the House and now goes to the Governor for his consideration.



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with Jacki Mari

Palos Hills council meets

At the Palos Hills City Council meeting, Alderman Mary Ann Schultz announced in her report that the cell air phone project for seniors and the disabled, is going well.

Free phones are available from the Community Resource Commission and are a valuable asset for people living alone to enable them to call for help. Some residents wrote letters commenting on how much they rely on the phone.

Alderman Joan Knox says

that the beautification project of Palos Hills is going well, and that residents will be seeing planter boxes and banners throughout the city shortly. With the assistance of Mary Jo Vincent, the Community Resource Commission contacted over four hundred businesses in regards to the banner project. Soon the city will be blossoming.

Flag Day will be honored at the community center on June 14. There will be a celebration at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Last year it was a memorable event, as it is certain to be this year.

breakthrough because of one of our animal visits," adds Holwell. "There's so much love remembered, and good memories recalled, that it's incredibly heartwarming for our volunteer pet therapy people to be a part of it."

Thousands of animals each year are rescued, cared for and adopted into good homes through the Animal Welfare League. To find out more, log onto www.animalwelfareleague.com or call 708-636-8586 for a copy of Critter Crusader and tips on helping animals this Spring.

MVCC to host conference

Moraine Valley Community College will host a conference entitled "Concepts and Challenges in the Treatment of Infectious Disease." The conference is intended for pharmacists and physi-

cians who care for patients with infectious diseases, and will take place Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room C203 in the College Center, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

To register for the conference, call the Moraine Valley Admissions Office at (708) 974-2110 and request course code AH4-040-001. The fee for the conference is \$375.

For more info call Sue Ryerson, director of Professional Development and Community Education at (708) 974-5408.

Home Sweet Home! - Comfort Keepers in Oak Lawn Fills Huge Gap With In-Home Care Options for Aging Adults

As the number of seniors in America is expected to double to 70 million in the near future, the number of family members in Southwest Chicago and Southwest suburbs faced with the awesome responsibility of caring for aging loved ones will continue to skyrocket as well.

Family members in Southwest Chicago and the Suburbs attempting to balance the needs of aging loved ones with their own busy lives are often faced with making quick decisions about care which can lead to additional stress. This gap is particularly evident among families with seniors who are in relatively good health who desperately want to continue to live at home, yet simply need companionship and help with daily tasks. Their own children deeply love and want to help, but simply can't be there often enough to attend to their daily needs. Frequently, this results in unnecessary levels of stress, frustration and conflict within families.

Comfort Keepers, offers companionship and other non-medical services for aging adults, new mothers and others needing assistance, and began offering services throughout southwest Chicago and southwest suburbs in 2003. Recently Comfort Keepers was named as the #1 Senior Care Franchise and the #2 Top New Franchise by Entrepreneur magazine for 2004. Each location offers in-home services including companionship, meal preparation, light housekeeping, bathing and dressing, grocery shopping, transportation and more.

"National studies consistently show that more than 95 percent of seniors, age 75 and older, prefer to stay in the privacy of their own homes," said Sydney Schmidt, RN "With 75 percent of baby boomers nearing retirement within the next 10 years and the number of seniors projected to exceed 70 million over the next two decades, the need for non-medical care for aging adults will be tremendous."

Small price for peace of mind

A huge selling point for Comfort Keepers is that all of its caregivers are employees. Before hiring any caregivers, franchise owners conduct criminal, driving and social security background checks.

The majority of Comfort Keepers' caregivers are women between ages 41 and 55, typically "empty nesters" seeking to positively contribute to the community by providing friendship and other necessary services to older adults. Southwest

Chicago and southwest suburb families who utilize Comfort Keepers especially appreciate that the company bonds and insures their caregivers, and also covers worker's compensation and other taxes.

Clients are also at ease because Comfort Keepers takes the time to get know their potential clients before matching them with a caregiver.

"We spend a considerable amount of time finding, interviewing and screening caregivers. What will always set us apart from independents is the professional service our caregivers provide and the peace of mind our clients have knowing that our caregivers are bonded, insured and carefully screened to be the best fit for their loved one," said Sydney Schmidt.

"There's a warm spot in all of our hearts for the senior population," noted Schmidt, who said the majority of Comfort Keepers' franchisees are drawn to the concept because of personal experiences in caring for an aging adult. "Our core service is based on passion and compassion for people who need help, and we deliver for them 100 percent."

About Comfort Keepers

Founded in 1998 by a registered home health care nurse and her husband, Comfort Keepers has grown to over 400 franchise owners throughout 44 states and Canada, and was named as the #1 Senior Care Franchise and the #2 Top New Franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine for 2004. For more information about Comfort Keepers services, call 708-424-4242 or visit www.comfortkeepers.com.

First Annual Basketball Challenge to be hosted

St. James Hospital and Health Centers will host its First Annual Physician Basketball Challenge on June 2 at 6:00 p.m. featuring medical staff from both its campuses at Olympia Fields and Chicago Heights. The event will be held at the St. James Health and Wellness Institute. This fundraising event will benefit the Explorers/Junior Medics Program. For ticket information, please call: 708.756.1000, ext. 3458.

St. James Hospital and Health Centers' Mission Services Department is now collecting sample size shampoos, soaps, lotions, toothpaste and other toiletries for the needy. The items will be used to distribute hygiene packages in our local area to the homeless served by PADS and other healthcare clinics. If you would like to donate items, please call 708.756.1000, ext. 6888.

Parade of Ponds is coming

The world's largest water garden tours in Chicagoland Parade of Ponds this summer. The two-day event is July 17 and 18. Visitors are invited to tour some of the counties most beautiful private pools and water gardens. The tour extends north to Lake County, west to Kane County and as far south as Will County. They will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 5 on Sunday. To find the location of nearby garden and pond centers where tickets (\$15) are available call 630-326-2400 or visit the web at www.aquacapedesigns.com.

H.O.G.S. hold benefit & raffle

The Oak Lawn H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) Chapter is holding its annual benefit and raffle. The re-

cipient has raised over \$90,000 in the past two years to benefit Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. Chapter members are selling \$2 raffle tickets to raise money for the event. Tickets can be gotten at the Harley dealership at 111st and Cicero. The drawing is July 24, 2004.

OLCHS holds "Relay for Life"

Oak Lawn High School announces the Relay for Life for the Cancer Society on June 4 and June 5, 2004 at the high school. Students gather in teams of 10-15 and each raises a minimum of \$100. Every family has been hit with cancer in the years and funding is needed to find a cure. The goal is to exceed last year and get \$70,000. As members of the community that care please support the event. Call the ACS at 800-920-1441.

Vacation Bible Schools

Vacation Bible School at Ashburn Baptist Church (ABC) in Orland Park is June 14-18 from 9am to 12:15pm. Registration is open to young persons 4 years old to 9th grade. There is no fee. ABC is located at Wolf Road and 153rd St. A Tees vacation bible school is July 12-16 at 7pm each evening. Chicago location bible school is 3647 W. 83rd St. from July 19-23.

Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church has kids programs from preschoolers to 5th grade in Power up for Jesus! Vacation Bible School. The program runs June 21-25 from 9:15am to noon. The location is 104th and Kostner Oak Lawn. Call 708-423-6554 to register. Adults can ask anything on Sunday June 27 during the 10:30am worship.

"Roar for Tabour"

On Thursday, June 10th from 7-9 pm, there will be a Candidacy Comedy Jam for Jason E. Tabour, Candidate, State Representative, at the Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Hall, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave, Chicago Ridge.

Admission price, which includes snacks and show is \$15. For more information, call 708 / 334-3401

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Oak Lawn residents voice anger over Train Station TIF District

By Matt Mayer

Emotions ran high June 8, at the public meeting for the proposed Train Station tax-increment financing (TIF) district. The standing room only crowd in the Village Board chambers overflowed into the hallways. Easels of artist renderings were displayed in front of the dais. The renderings depicted the proposed new \$1.2 million Metra Train Station which includes a 65 foot clock tower, An 84-unit condominium development - a five story open air parking garage for 800 cars and 11,000 square feet of retail space. As well as an outline of the proposed boundaries which would be south of 95th St near 51st Ave.

This project encompasses the existing train station, the former Grobe real-estate building, the Beaty lumber yard and an old factory. Metra officials have stated that the current station is obsolete as it begins to increase the south west line from 16 trains to 30 trains daily, by 2006. State law requires that a public hearing must be held before a TIF district can be established. A TIF district uses tax revenue to finance improvements within the district - and is also free from local taxing bodies - such as schools. The maximum time for a TIF is 23 years the village estimates the proposed TIF district is estimated to yield \$700,000 per year and slated to be dissolved in 7 to 10 years. At which time the project would be place on the tax roles.

Village manager Joe Faber stated that Metra is contributing \$2 million, Mid-America Investment is contributing between \$1 million and \$1.5 Million. Oak Lawn plans to sell bonds to pay for a large amount of the project - in addition state grants are being sought that may help to divert some of the cost of the project.

Prior to public comments and questions Faber stated that pursuant to the tax increment allocation act the village must wait at least fourteen days from the public hearing date before introducing or taking action on the ordinances approving the proposed commuter parking lot station increment financing district. Therefore, such ordinances can not be acted upon until the village board's regular board meeting on June 22.

A local business owner questioned how much support the national chains will provide to the community as the local businesses have been such as churches, the Oak Lawn Baseball for Boys, and questioned how much these national chains which are said to be so important to Oak Lawn will contribute. Another resident stated that she read an article in a local newspaper in which acting Mayor Ron Stancik stated that the people in Oak Lawn are resistant to change and it's Oak Lawn's time for this development. She stated that she is not afraid of change, "what I don't like is seeing the village that I called home turning into nothing but high rises and parking towers" and ques-

tioned why the people don't have enough of a voice to say "we don't want this change." This was the general concessions of the residents in attendance that the village would lose it's identity.

The residents appeared more outrage over the structures and congestion with the parking towers, the safety of the children, the added cost for emergency services, the exiting of traffic onto 95th St. rather than the actual enactment of the tax increment finance (TIF) district. Faber addressed the following concerns such as traffic flow onto 95th St. Faber stated that there is a Traffic Engineer involved with this project. And that the Traffic Engineer recommended a traffic signal on 95th St for the road way to the commuter parking lot. Traffic from the condominiums will not divert onto 95th St. The condominium parking lots face 96th St. The budget for this project is currently \$14 million that's for public improvements. In regard to the number of TIF districts, there are currently three existing TIF's in Oak Lawn - two in the center of town and one on Cicero Ave. This would be the fourth, Faber said

Trustee Bob Streit who has remained a staunch opponent of the TIF project from the onset, stated that he supports the construction of a new train station. However, the station he would like to see built would somewhat emulate the new train station built in Tinley Park. It has all the amenities of a modern train station but it is built in the culture of the community, which is a component of the surrounding area, Streit said.

"My concern is that this proposal would change Oak Lawn from the bed room community it is now - to a densely urban area just like the city of Chicago with all the congestion as well as all the other problems that go along with high density development, and that Oak

Lawn is not opposed to change," Streit said, who also is a member of the Cook County Tax Watch. Streit stated that he believes this plan has about the same amount of support that the Brandt development had in a 1995 referendum of 7%, and perhaps the amount of support to rebuild the Oak Lawn High School which was less than 30%, also by referendum. This is clearly not a popular plan, and that good ideas don't divide communities. If this is a good idea then it should enjoy strong public support - this plan has been on the fast track and it should not of been. "I would like this plan to go back to the drawing board and include public participation," Streit said. Streit's comments drew a standing ovation led by Evergreen Park Republican Committeeman Maureen Murphy who is also an Oak Lawn business owner and a fellow Cook County Tax Watch member, from which much of the opposition was represented by.

Happy Father's Day from Village View!

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Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA and Mr. Mustang 2004 Senior Edward Leiser (Chgo-Beverly)

Mr. Mustang announced

The tradition continued this year as the senior class of St. Rita of Cascia High School voted Edward Leiser of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, Mr. Mustang of 2004.

Mr. Leiser is a member of the National Honor Society and is on the Gold Honor Roll. As Secretary of St. Rita's Student Council, he worked on events such as food and blood drives.

Mr. Leiser is an Augustinian Peer Minister, Altar Server and Eucharistic Minister, among other titles. He also is an achiever in sports.

Farmers Market returns to Oak Lawn

By Matt Mayer

The board swiftly moved thru the brief agenda at the June 8, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting commenced with the board overturning the Planning and Development Commissions' denial for a resubdivision of 3 lots at 9445 S. 69th Ave. The subdivision ordinance in which this parcel is located requires a fifty-five foot wide lot. The three lots are forty-nine feet in width. There is an existing frame house and a detached garage on this property.

The board approved the following ordinances: a parking variation at 9540 Southwest Hwy that reduces the amount of parking spaces from 34 to 29, a variance for an exterior wall building

construction materials at 5420 W. 95th St. for the TGIF Fridays Restaurant, and a transitional yard landscaping variation at 10545 S. Cicero Ave. to allow for the construction of a six foot high wooden cedar board and batten fence in lieu of the required solid masonry fence. Due to change of ownership the board approved a request for a class B package liquor store only license for x-press mart at 10327 S. Central Ave. There is an existing license from the previous owner.

The 20th annual farmers market will open Wednesday June 30th all of the farmers are returning and many of the sponsors from last year have reserved their day in the sun. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is June 22nd.

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News about our local service personnel

Air Force Airman Joshua G. Blankenship has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied

the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human

relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Mary Marcotte of W. Fourth St., New Lenox, Ill., and grandson of Arthur Riley of W. 87th St., Hometown, Ill.

Blankenship is a 2003 graduate of Bloom Trail High School, Chicago Heights, Ill.

Air Force Airman Dennis A. Youngren has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Nancy Youngren of W. Dean Drive, Oak Lawn, Ill.

Youngren is a 2003 graduate of H.L. Richards High School, Oak Lawn.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Peter J. Baezek has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal for participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving U.S. and coalition forces efforts to disarm and end the current Iraqi regime. Active duty, reserve, and national guard members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces are participating in the operation. The focus of the mission is to liberate the Iraqi people, preserve Iraq as a unified state, keep its territorial integrity intact, and help the Iraqi people begin the process of economic and political reconstruction.

Baezek is a platoon sergeant assigned to the 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Regiment, in Buedinger, Germany.

The sergeant is the son of

Thomas J. Baezek of Mayo Drive, Orland Park, Ill. He is a 1981 graduate of Lockport Township High School, Ill.

Army Pvt. Ernesto Almazan has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Almazan is the son of Vicente and Graciela Almazan of State Road, Burbank, Ill.

Marine Corps Cpl. Terrence W. Bennett, son of Jeanne Bennett of Evergreen Park, Ill., recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan.

Bennett was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Bennett is a 1999 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School of Evergreen Park, Ill.



Flag Ceremony held recently

A Flag Ceremony was recently held at the headquarters of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 134.

Participating in the ceremony were Mike Fitzgerald, Business Manager for Local 134, (left) and Tim Foley, Special Assistant to Fitzgerald, (right) Ed McElroy, Past National commander of the Catholic War Veterans, United States of America, also participated.

World War II Vets, Other Heroes, Honored on Memorial Day

With the dedication of the nation's World War II Memorial veterans of "the greatest generation" were being singled out for special attention on Memorial Day 2004.

"They hold a cherished place in the history of the United States and in the memories of the people they liberated," President George W. Bush said in a proclamation issued May 27.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi praised the "selfless determination and purpose of mission that inspired American GIs to surmount the obstacles of war and build a new peace."

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimated that nearly 1.2 million men and women have died in the military since the Revolutionary War. More than 25 million veterans are alive today. Of the 16 million service members during World War II, only about 4.4 million are living.

President Bush noted that the men and women serving in the military for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom "are serving at a crucial hour in history, and each has answered a great call to serve our Nation on the front lines of freedom."



Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski and Police Officer Nehemiah Barker

Commander receives resolution for rescue

Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, of the Met-

ropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, is shown presenting a resolution from the MWRD to Police Officer Nehemiah Barker. The officer rescued a Cook County Sheriff Police Officer from her squad car before it burst into flames after it was struck by another vehicle.

Officer Barker was a police officer with the Cook County Department of Corrections from 1988 to 1990 and served on the Chicago Housing Authority Police Force from 1990 to 1999, in various capacities from police officer to ultimately reaching the level of police commander.



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Legislative highlights

By Ed Suda

Illinois State Senator Jacqueline Collins of the 16th District recently sponsored a bill that has passed both the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives which aims to ban the burning of crosses in the state of Illinois, citing the burnings as, "a symbol of intimidation and as a signal of impending violence."

Collins then went on to state the bill "will go a long way in helping to end this form of racist intimidation and protect all citizens of Illinois. The bill is currently awaiting Governor Rod Blagojevich's approval before the law takes effect."

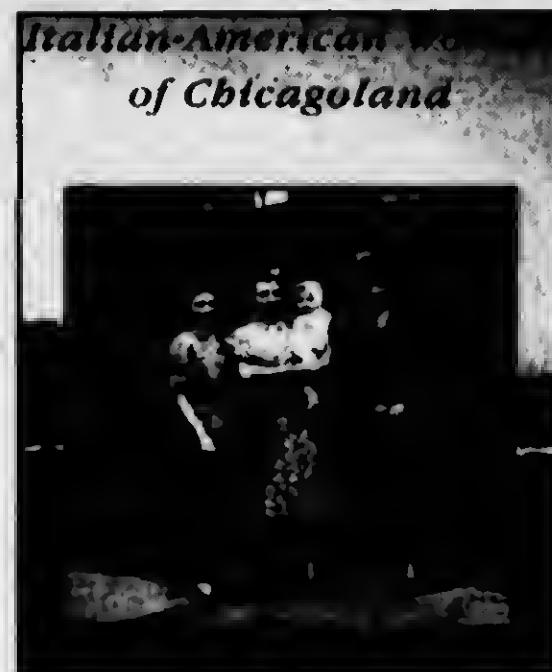
Also, Senator Collins cosponsored a bill aiming to provide apartment tenants with the right to make necessary repairs on the

property and then deduct the cost from the monthly rent. The deduction will only be in effect if the landlord fails to take any action fourteen days after written notification. The bill, entitled, "Residential Tenant's Right to Repair Act," is intended to alleviate "dangerous conditions" and eliminate financial hardships associated with tenants forced to pay for repairs on their own. Currently this bill has passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and is waiting to be sent to the governor's office.

Illinois State Representative Bob Rita of the 28th District recently sponsored a bill which would impose tougher sentences on those

convicted of homicide that concealed the body after the crime. Rita stated that, "This is a much-needed bill for the sake of the victims' families who have to endure the light sentencing of these heinous criminals." The bill was approved in both the House and Senate and is currently awaiting approval from the governor.

Among other pieces of legislation, a bill introduced in the Senate would require school boards to allow schools to only vend drinks that are at least 50% real fruit juice with no added sweeteners, water, and low-fat or fat-free milk. Additionally, snacks would also be regulated under this bill, requiring that all snack foods sold contain less than 30% of their calories from fat. This bill is currently in rules committee after its first hearing in the Illinois Senate. No hearing is currently scheduled on the bill.



Photo; book cover of Italian American Women of Chicagoland, published by Arcadia

The voice of State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins

By: Rudi Hancock

During Collins first year in office she passed legislation to support Illinois working families, protect children and assist senior citizens. Collins is best known for the legislation extending the limitations for civil and criminal sex crimes against children. She also came to the aid of many senior citizens and low-income families by establishing a law preventing public utility companies from disconnecting participants during the winter months. She created a new law allowing more Illinois senior citizens to qualify for the Homestead Exemption.

In sympathizing with social problems that plague citizens Collins created a seventeen-member commission to study and document racial and gender discrimination in hiring or contracting on state construction projects. Noting her accomplishments Senator Collins has been selected to participate in a training program that annually identifies and assists promising state leaders in the Midwest in July in Madison, WI.

Collins works hard to bring issues facing citizens to the attention of her colleagues and the public so action can be taken. Legislation by Collins and State Representative Monique Davis to require more minorities be included in state funded clinical studies is headed to the Governor's desk. "While we have seen improvements in the number of women and minorities included in these trials, the majority of the testing is still being done on white males," says Collins. Sponsored by Collins and Davis in the House, House Bill 686 strengthens provisions of the Inclusion of Women and Minorities in the Clinical Research Act, which was passed last year to encourage the use of women and minorities as subjects in clinical research projects receiving State funds.

"Since treatments and medicines work differently on different people, we need to include more women and minorities in those studies in order to have a better understanding of their effectiveness," Collins said.

Collins announced that legislation protecting renters and holding landlords accountable for utility bills covered under a lease agreement has successfully passed the General Assembly and is now headed to Governor Blagojevich to be signed into law. House Bill 4856 requires that whenever a landlord agrees to pay for water, gas, or electrical services, they must provide timely payments, so as not to cause an interruption of services.

Under the bill, in the event the landlord fails to pay in a timely manner, the tenant can terminate the lease or deduct the amount paid for utilities from their monthly rent. "This bill is needed to protect tenants from interruptions in their covered utility service by ensuring that their landlords are fulfilling their obligations when they agree to cover the cost of utilities," says Collins.

Collins is upholding her duty to the people of Illinois. She has become our voice in Washington. She is looking out for the rights of Illinois citizens. Collins tackles social ills to create a solution to the problems that people face every day. Little by little Collins is making Illinois a better place to live for young, old, rich or poor. There are no lines or limits to what one voice can accomplish.



McElroy to speak for OL Kiwanis

Edward F. McElroy, of Chicago radio and television, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis, Thursday, June 10, following a 6:30 pm dinner in the Old Barn Restaurant, 8100 S. Parkside, Burbank.

Judy Gonsch, coordinator, announced that McElroy will share his expertise on news and sports in Chicago.

Ed has been active in the field of news and sports on WJOB, WIND, and WJJD radio for over 50 years. He is the host of "Community in Focus" on channel 4 and 43, and has done many training films and commercials, receiving many awards for news coverage in the United States.

Ed has entertained hospitalized veterans and underprivileged children for many years. He is Past National Commander and Past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America.

To Friends of Oak Lawn Theater

In the recent playbill for the theater's current production the following note was enclosed.

Next Spring, for the first time in 28 years, Oak Lawn will elect a new mayor. There is no incumbent. We write you today to ask for

help for our friend, Dave Heilmann, who is a candidate for Mayor of our Village.

This is an opportunity and goal Dave has devoted himself to since he was 11 years old and worked on the 1973 mayoral campaign. He grew up, went to school and is raising his family in Oak Lawn. He has given his heart and soul to OL his whole life. (41 years).

He wants to promote and maintain stability for all residents, our children, our seniors and all of us.

He has had 15 years of board experience that has gained invaluable exper-

ience voting on hundreds of issues, which affect OL residents. After 15 years OLPDB (Oak Lawn Park District Board) there were 30 renovated parks, a new golf course, a new clubhouse, a new ice arena and live theater. OL residents also received a cleaned up Stony Creek, an award winning children's theater program and lower tax bills. We can make our community better, stronger and safer.

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Richard Dixon, Village View Publisher's husband passes

Richard C. Dixon, age 66, Army Veteran, passed away Sunday, June 6 after a four month battle with Guillain Barre, an illness that causes paralyzation. He was the beloved husband of 43 years, of Annette Dixon, nee Stella, the owner of Village View Publications. He was the loving father of Michel Rose and Lance Dixon and cherished grandfather of Brianna Rose, Ian Rose, Benjamin R. Dixon and Henry O Dixon.

Mr. Dixon was the fond brother of Patricia Mearnsman, Margaret Felts, Rosemary Troia and Maureen Serafin. He was the dear son-in-law of Rose Stella and uncle of many.

A military tribute at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery



Richard C. Dixon

followed the Funeral Mass at St. Bernadette's Church in Evergreen Park.

Richard was active in the St. Gerald's Parish for many years, earning the title of "Man of the Year" for his contributions.

He was also the recipient

of the Mother McAuley "Man of the Year Award".

Two other prominent men have passed on this week. Our past President Ronald Reagan and Ray Charles. Richard's wife Annette, loves politics, while Richard himself loved Ray's music.

The three R's are now at rest -rejoicing with the angels, restored to full health, while rockin' & rollin' and relaxin'.

The staff at Village View extend their deepest sympathies to Richard's family. We continue to support Annette and this paper during her time of grief.

To extend condolences, messages may be left at the paper at 708 / 423-9754 or at Villageviewnews@aol.com

To Whom It May Concern;

I am forwarding this information as the proud sister-in-law of Oak Lawn's Firefighter of the year, as well as the first (I believe) Oak Lawn firefighter to be awarded the State of Illinois firefighter of the year award.

I feel Oak Lawn should be proud of firefighter/paramedic Paul J. Chocola and acknowledge this well deserved achievement. I've known Paul for over 17 years and I am certainly proud of his dedication to his profession on and off duty. Paul is a wonderful husband and fa-

ther of two who serves his community by profession and services his community from his heart.

He has voluntarily coached several youth teams, in addition to the teams his children participate in, he frequently organizes community athletic groups for men and is always available for any family, friend or neighbor. Paul's modesty overshadows several acclamations he has received and he has touched everyone ever in contact with him. Not only as a family member of Paul Chocola, but a resident of Oak Lawn, I feel it is certainly "news-worthy" when such an upstanding individual lives and is employed in our community.

Sincerely, Kristen Anderson

Karnival and VBS to be held

On Saturday, June 19, from 11am to 3 pm, Standing Stones Church will have a free Kids Carnival. Free food, pony rides, petting zoo, kid's games and special presentations will happen throughout the day.

Laua Laua Island Vacation Bible School will begin on the following Monday, June 21, and continue through Friday, June 25. Daily times are from 9am to noon.

Both events will be held at Standing Stone Baptist church, 16250 S. 84th Ave., Tinley Park. Call 708 / 532-8550 for more information.

This week's lesson: Life's too short-forgive and be rewarded

A prose by Peter Shannon

God was weeping in his garden in heaven over how His earthly families treat each other. Looking toward the sky, He watched birds doing their aerial ballet. He could hear singing and dancing as His Angels played their harps. God felt His surroundings come alive.

Then one of His most powerful Guardian Angels came to Him with a dispatch. A family had reunited with a prodigal son who was living off the generosity of his government. Now this day, he is gain-

fully employed as an apprentice painter making substantial union wages. God said this was good. His tears turned to diamonds, jewels and baguettes of precious stones.

God hurled the stones into His ocean of endless depth. He exclaimed that this treasury was mere penny candy compared to the family that saw the light-however dim or bright. For if they have done this unto the least of My brethren, they have done it onto Me and My Son. When My Angels come to claim them, they will be rewarded with endless dromedaries from the North, South, East and West. Feasting and celebration will never end, as this is the only way I can repay My debt.

Signed, The Guardian Angels



A lesson on Standing Tall

Reagan taught us to stand tall

For he was not small
An actor He was
Then He created a buzz
As President He was solid
Americans rallied around
He understood that he could
And he dared to do good
Americans salute you all
Because of you we stand tall.

Young at Heart Singles Club

We are a club that is for age 55 and over, ladies are to dress semi dressy to dressy, and men are to wear sport jackets or suits, ties are not required, but jeans are not allowed. Members are \$6.00 and guest are \$7.00. All our dances are from 8:30 to 11:30 PM. Our hotline number is

(630) 415-3449 and for more information on how to get to the dances, please call (630) 894-4498.

Friday July 2nd Dance, American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, IL. The band will be The Music Men.

Saturday July 3rd Dance, American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, IL. The band will be Ken Jandis.

On Track Single's Club

June 19th, Saturday, Cracker Barrel + Movie, 4:00 P.M.

Meet at St. Mary's south parking lot at 4 P.M. or meet us at the Cracker Barrel at 1295 Lakeview Dr. in Romeoville at 4:45 P.M. Afterwards, we head over to Locws Woodridge Theaters, 10000 Woodward Ave., Woodridge. For info or to register, call Lucy Steven at 773-778-8239 after 7 P.M. or Erin at 773-719-0349.

June 26th, Saturday, Taste of Chicago, 10:00 A.M.

What can we say about Chicago's food extravaganza? Meet at St. Mary's south parking lot at 10:00 A.M. for a short trip to the Orange Line. From there, we'll travel down to ruin our diets. Afterward, we can decide to take a trolley, boat tour, or just head back home. Depending on the weather and mood, this can be an all day event! For more info or to register, call John Bobek at 773-585-8242.

June 30th, Wednesday, 115 Bourbon Street, 7:00 P.M.

We have promised we would schedule 115 Bourbon Street for a date when we could take advantage of its outdoor seating. Join us at this popular bar and restaurant. Meet at 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 w. 115th Street. For details, call John Bobek at 773-585-8242. Note: I'll be by St. Mary's south parking lot at 6:40 if anyone needs a ride. Please contact me though so I don't leave without you!



Meeting date set

The next meeting of the south Suburban Mayors and Managers association will be held on Thursday, June 17 at the Association offices 1906 West 174th St., East Hazel Crest, IL. The meeting will begin at 7 pm.

Students become the teachers

The first graders in all three classes at St. Michael School have completed their study of animals in Science class. It was their turn them to be the teachers.

Each student was assigned an animal to research and present to the class. They made trips to the library, the internet, or even the zoo! They wrote a report and made an informative poster to show the class. Every child presented their animal out loud in front of their peers.

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We Are Survivors

By: Rudi Hancock

Breast Cancer is two words that strike fear in women. It can happen to a mother, sister, grandmother, or a daughter. Every girl remembers the health class or the woman that came to her school to talk about Breast Cancer. She tells you how to examine yourself and how to know when something is wrong.

Women from generation to generation from family to family have suffered from Breast Cancer or have dealt with a loss to this disease. Women have felt like their lives were virtually over when part of them has to be taken away, especially when that part makes them a woman. With new research and technology fear and doubt is turned into triumph.

Women can feel better while being tested for Breast Cancer with a mammogram. Mammograms cause women to feel uncomfortable while they were being tested. Technologists at the Breast Cancer of Loyola University Health System are using something as simple as a pad to significantly reduce the pain and discomfort associated with the mammography experience.

Some women experience pain and discomfort when their breasts are compressed during the mammography. There is no way to get around the compression because it allows for a better view and accuracy of images. The pain is the leading reason why women fail to comply with their annual screenings. The pad is an important step for increasing compliance for mammograms and follow-up care among women.

The pad aids patients who have undergone surgery with guarding the open wounds and stitches from the cold plate. The pad is a soft, foam radiolucent cushion that covers the surface and compression paddle and positions the breast more firmly on the edge of the mammography device for best diagnostic images. The cushion and softness of the pad allows patients to tolerate maximum compression for radiologists to analyze the images. The pad makes patients feel better about the overall examination and creates a more friendly interaction between the patients and the technician.

Approximately 70 per-

cent of women reported the pad reduced their discomfort by 50 percent in clinical studies. Loyola has taken the necessary steps to make their patients' mammography experience warm and inviting.

Technology to find breast cancer is continually improving. Researchers at Northwestern Memorial Hospital are participating in a nationwide clinical trial, called ACRIN 6666, to determine the role of breast ultrasound in screening for breast cancer in high-risk women.

"Finding breast cancer early improves the chance of successful treatment. Mammography can help find breast cancer early, but some breast cancers may not show up on mammography if a woman's breast tissue is dense. Ultrasound may help find breast cancer or suspicious areas that mammography misses," explains Ellen Mendelson, M.D., chief of breast imaging at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, professor in the department of radiology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and co-investigator of this study. "Masses can be difficult to spot on mammograms in women with dense breasts because the normal tissue as well as the mass looks white, unlike fatty breasts where the tissue looks gray and the mass stands out in white," continues Dr. Mendelson.

The research study "Screening Breast Ultrasound in High-Risk Women" will evaluate the role of screening breast ultrasound for the detection of breast cancer in addition to mammography. The study aims to enroll 2,800 women in 22 medical centers nationwide for three years. The American College of Radiology Imaging Network, a national cancer research organization sponsored and funded by the National Cancer Institute, is launching this study. For more information on joining the study call (312) 926-8400.

The fight for breast cancer goes on at Little Company of Mary Hospital. The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is once again proud to be named a grant recipient. The Chicagoland Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation renewed a 25,000 grant for the third time, to support Breast Can-

HomMed Telehealth Demo at The Timbers

The public is invited to participate in a demonstration of the latest walking aids at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, in the Elms Community Room at The Timbers of Shorewood, 1100 N. River Road, Shorewood.

Advantage Home Health will demonstrate the HomMed telehealth daily home monitoring system.

This demonstration is open to the public, space permitting. Call Bridget Osswald at (815) 609-0669.

cer Survivors Education Support Services. As part of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center's Komen Chicagoland Affiliate grant, the Breast Cancer Survivor Educational Support Services program can continue to provide support and education to the ever-growing number of survivors in order to cope with the physical and emotional effects of a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The program offers positive and effective guidance and support as breast cancer patients continue their recovery. The funds help sponsor outside speakers for Integrative Therapy programs at the Cancer center to educate, encourage and support cancer survivors.

The Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital reinforces the Hospital's commitment to the community's need for breast cancer care. For more information, contact the Integrative Therapy Department at 708.229.6015.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36. Today, the Foundation is an international organization with a network of more than 75,000 volunteers working through local Affiliates and events to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease.

The Komen Foundation also operates a National Toll-Free Breast Cancer Helpline and award-winning Web site and distributes a variety of educational materials to those affected by breast cancer. For more information about breast cancer and breast health, visit the Komen Foundation's Web site at www.komen.org or call the Foundation's Helpline at 1.800.462.9273.

Women with Breast Cancer have hope. The fight increases with the new technology and studies taking place.

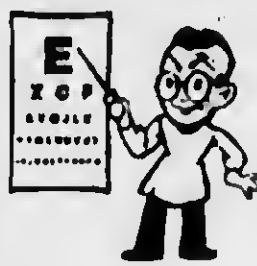
Doctors are trying to improve conditions to make patients feel more at ease as well as encourage women to have their annual examinations. Hospitals come to the aid with breast cancer programs that can change your life for the better. The face of breast cancer problems and issues that came with the disease are slowly being knocked down. Those who have walked before us and are still walking with us now are survivors.



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NumAstrology & You

Copr. 2004 by Jackie Mari & Alyn

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for June 15th thru June 28th: I use Numerology with Astrology (NumAstrology) and my Psychic Insight! Initials (If given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi"). Just go to TheDailyPsychic.Com or visit JackiMari.Com or Sherlockjacki.com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You cannot possibly realize how much you control or how much ability you have to heal yourself, and succeed. J aids-ask.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: This is no time to sit back and let yourself slump into the trap of lazi-l-tis. Keep on keeping on and all can go well. T helps.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Your answers seem to come in dreams or through people with psychic ability. Time is on your side now, don't push or rush.

Numi says: Don't stop praying for those people you cherish. Prayers work!

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Someone who has a limp or has trouble walking needs your help an/or understanding. Give it if you can. G or H aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Many people run away and hide in their miseries. You simply cannot allow this to happen this week. R aids if asked.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: A special healing comes to you when you need it the most. Also, money finds its way back to you. F and A involved.

Numi says: You may think you can fool people by keeping silent, but truth is loud and bold!

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You simply are incapable of truly forgetting anything whatsoever. Don't try. Just do your best when adversity comes up. A aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Arles & Scorpio: You come "full circle" and seem to inwardly know how to help yourself and others in crisis. Good for you! D involved.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: An S and a T may be involved in a get rich scheme and it works out well. Okay, now share your good fortune! Be positive!

Numi says: What you don't have you don't need. Remember, less is best cared for.

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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights: "Water"

There is a spaghetti sauce that claims to have everything you need "in it." Well, our water is full of stuff you would not want to name or recognize because it can scare you right out of your jeans! Our water is purified to the best of the ability of the machines used to clean the water. Still, when you think of what people dump into our drinking water everyday, you might have nightmares for a lifetime. All of what we need to live is in the water. Every thing from our sexual discards to what we eat is in there. Prescription drugs as well as illegal drugs are dumped into our water. It's a miracle that we are not all drug addicts as well as mostly obese. Many companies have little if any respect for our waterways and dump all kinds of illegal stuff into our water. There is only one water, as all water re-mixes with other water, sooner or later. The very water Jesus and our forefathers drank is what we are still drinking today! However, we know more about how to protect water and how to clean it up, but some people still pollute it willingly.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Benefit for Center of Performing Arts scheduled

The annual benefit will be held on Friday, June 25, 2004 at the Flossmore Country Club. This benefit raises funds for The Center's Arts in Education program and general operating support. This year's attire is 20's style clothing and cuisine. The event is named "Celebration of the Season 20's Style-All That Jazz." For further information call the box office at 708-235-2222.

South Side Garden Novices to meet

The South Side garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, July 13th, at 7 pm, at the home of member Liz Credio to view her lovely garden.

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Cars will be washed for \$5, vans and trucks, \$10.

Hot dog and drink will be available for \$1

ment projects set to begin in June and America swept up in makeover mania, a power tool might make for a terrific present this year.

See if you recognize your dad from one of the groups listed below:

NASCAR Dads/ For those dads who feel the need for speed, Gadget Guys: For dads whose mouths water at the sight of the latest tech, laser-guided tools are where it's at, Combo Crazy Crew: For those who want it all and want it now, consider a combination kit, and Handy Men: Power screwdriver. This handy tool is great for assembling furniture, hanging up curtains and any number of common household tasks.

Power tools can be a practical gift for do-it-yourself dads.

"The Best to Be Had"

By June Hamer

To our dear Dad
The best to be had
He worked for years
And calmed our fears

On both his knees, I did
bounce
Though I weighed too
many an ounce

The many lessons he taught
When challenges to him we
brought

He taught us how to share
And for others to always
care
The examples of his love
Must have come from
Heaven above

And so may we say
Happy Father's Day
We're thrilled you're our
Dad
The very best to be had

Hot off the grill for Father's Day

This Father's Day, treat Dad to an outdoor feast by grilling some steaks, seafood or vegetables. A simple holiday meal can become a gourmet event on the barbecue.

But before you break out the charcoal and funny hat, here are some things to consider from the gourmet experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM:

¥ Marinades: the longer something sits in a marinade, the stronger the flavor. Marinades with an acid content like citrus or tomato juice act as a natural tenderizer. Therefore, dense meat like beef benefits from overnight marinating, whereas seafood, being porous, should marinate only about 20 minutes.

¥ Any marinating time over 15 to 20 minutes should be done in the refrigerator.

¥ Never leave a grill unattended, as it will get very hot and can cause burns. Flareups are common and could start a fire. Always keep a fire extinguisher handy.

¥ Clean the grill before you start with a long-handled wire brush on a heated surface.

¥ Fire up the grill in advance. When the charcoal is hot, it will have a thin white ash coating.

¥ While it's heating, prepare your food. Allow it to become room temperature before cooking (but don't let it sit longer than 20 to 30 minutes) and make sure any excess fat is trimmed off the meat.

¥ As a general rule, cook thin pieces of meat at a high temperature and fast; grill thicker pieces slowly on indirect heat, so the inside can cook completely.

For Father's Day gifts, such as the Barbecue Set, featuring must-have barbecue utensils, click on 1800flowers.com on the Web.

This barbecue set is the perfect cooking aid for novice cooks, gourmet chefs or king of the grill!

Special awards for fathers

David Milliner, of South Holland, IL, is being honored by the American Diabetes Association and the Fathers Day Council as one of our Fathers of the Year. He will be honored on Thursday, June 17, 2004 at Galleria Marchetti in Chicago, IL.

Milliner, alongside four other fathers from the Chicago community have helped raise more than \$100,000 to

help find a cure for diabetes - a disease affecting more than 700,000 people alone in Illinois and more than 18 million across the nation.

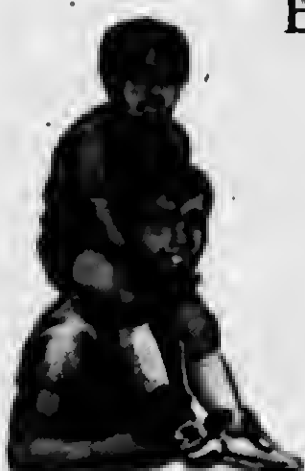


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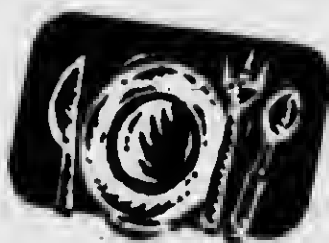
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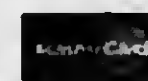


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2004 OL Summer Reading Program

"Explore the Reading Trail"

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Children in preschool through eighth grade who are Oak Lawn residents or students of Oak Lawn schools may sign up in the Youth Services Department. Prizes will be awarded to those who reach the reading goal for their specific age group. Summer reading club members are also invited to participate in a variety of activities, including weekly drawings, craft projects, storytimes, puzzles, sign language classes, special interest clubs, a junior volunteer group and several entertainment programs.

High school students and

adults may register at the Readers' Advisory Desk. Participants who read and review five books will receive a sport water bottle. There are also activities open to first and second year high school students in conjunction with the Youth Services Department.

For more information, call 708-422-4990, or visit the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

and "Ask the Doctor"

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings Wednesday, June 9 at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Participants may also speak one-on-one with a physician from Advocate Christ Medical Center at a special "Ask the Doctor" forum.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a coopera-

tive alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. It is their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, 708-422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).

OL Garden Club Picnic

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual Potluck Picnic at Wolfe Wildlife Center on Thursday, June 14th at 12 noon. There will be an auction after lunch. Members are asked to bring their white elephants. For further information, call 708 / 424-4846

Oak Lawn Vehicle Sticker depicts Rotary Centennial

Special guests Oak Lawn Village Manager Joe Faber, Acting Mayor Ron Stancik, and Village Clerk, Jayne Powers; have been invited to attend a special meeting at the Oak Lawn Rotary club on Monday, June 14, 2004. Rotary will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2005. David Kobak, from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home and past-president of Oak Lawn Rotary presented the idea of the 2004-2005 vehicle sticker to the village and it was accepted. The sticker depicts the Centennial anniversary of Rotary International.

Rotary meets at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero at 12:15 p.m. Cost for non-members is \$13.00.

For reservations or more information, call Dave Kobak at 708-361-1177.

Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, started the oldest known service club in Chicago in February 1905. The International Convention for the Centennial will be held in Chicago at McCormick Place in June 2005.

Rotary is an organization dedicated to serving people at the local, state, federal, and international levels.

Most important is their continuing assistance to eradicate polio in the world. Rotary is involved in a variety of medical, dental, literacy, and solar oven projects.

OL Church holds Outdoor Flea Market

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn,

is looking for sellers for their annual Outdoor Flea Market on June 26 from 9 am to 3 pm.

VBS

Mt Zion Lutheran Church will hold its Vacation Bible School Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25 from 9:15 am to noon at 104th & Kostner. Call 708-423-6554 for registration.

They will also hold an "Ask Anything Sunday" on June 27, where, during the 10:30 am worship service, you can ask any questions about the Bible.

We will accept up to 40 sellers on a first come, first served basis. The price is \$10 for a space.

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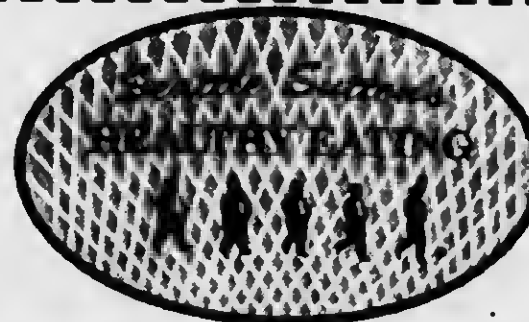
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Father's Day Dinner will be served in Whitney's from 4pm to 10pm. Call for reservations.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity

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ADOPTING PARENTAL PHRASEOLOGY

Have you ever found yourself in the middle of a conversation and heard foreign words casually roll off your tongue as if they are actually a part of your speech?

Phrases like, "When I was your age", "Wait till your father gets home", and "Because I said so", were phrases our parents said that we vowed would never be spoken from our young, hip lips, but middle-age and the benefit of parenthood soon found us singing a different tune.

But, I'm not talking about the tried and true parental phrases we all come to lean on when the going gets rough when raising children.

I'm talking about a whole new vocabulary that use to be as unfamiliar to me as gray hair and bifocals.

I call it senior slang and I've noticed that it doesn't actually become evident until you've crossed the line from over 30 to all the way over the hill.

The other day while enjoying a pleasant lunch with my husband Bill, we were discussing a recent robbery reported on the news, when I referred to it as a stick up. A stick-up?

"Where did *that* come from?" I immediately asked myself out loud.

That's about as archaic a saying as when my father use to refer to an arrest as getting 'pinched by the cops'.

My phraseology has drastically changed since the days when I said cool things like groovy, ain't that a trip, far out and for real. That was way before my pre-geriatric days.

The other day when my daughter asked my opinion on the outfit she was wearing, I told her it looked great, but in the back of my head I was thinking more along the lines of 'the cat's meow'.

They say you mellow with age, and judging from some of the zingers floating through my brain I'd say I've mellowed into the oblivion of my parents' generation.

The other day I actually made this comment when describing a guy having a crush on a girl. I said, "He's really got a shine for her."

Okay, when did I start talking like my grandmother!!

When talking about young men my mother would always refer to them as lads, which would always make me cringe because young men were guys, not lads.

I now can understand my own daughters' wincing when their post-menopausal mother recently referred to a young guy as a fella.

My geriatric sayings are about as far out there as the proverbial kids playing in traffic, as far as my kids are concerned.

What a difference a few decades makes!

I have gone from cool to corny when communicating with my children.

It begs me to ask the question, "What in the Sam Hill is going on?"

I am no longer cool but lame in the language department. I thought of my parents today and all those annoying sayings that I use to think were ridiculous.

I thought of them as I stuffed a few saw bucks into my pocketbook and headed out the door.



Pictured left Frank Bilich with Jim Stamper. He was a private in "G" Co. 505 when Frank was a platoon Sgt. during WW II. It was 55 years since they met and Jim made a career in the Army and retired as a Colonel.

Frank Bilich goes to France to unite with the 82nd Airborne

by Annette Dixon

Frank Bilich, Bridgeview resident for many years, is celebrating the week of June 1 for the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

In his own words, "I landed in a cow pasture just outside of Ste. Mere Eglise on the night of June 5th. That was our mission, to hold the town and deny the Germans the use of roads to the beaches.

It was the first town liberated in fortress Europe.

"They played it up real big in the movie 'The Longest Day.' Our Battalion commander Col. VanDevort was placed by John Wayne. At any rate, it will probably be the last hurrah. I don't know of anyone in 'D' company that lived past the age of 83".

At the annual Airborne Awards in Atlanta, GA in April, Frank Bilich was named man of the year for the 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment of World War II.

In the year 2003, Frank was elected president of the 505 Regimental Combat Team. At the recent banquet

Jim Stamper came up and said, "you are Frank Bilich". I said, "yes, but how did you know me; as I was not wearing my I.D. Badge. He said, "you always had the darkest tan and the widest smile. So he introduced me to May and Tounzen. What a pleasant surprise. We spent hours talking and the next morning sharing breakfast before leaving. Since then I received a post card from Stamper and a letter with pictures. Also had long telephone conversations with Bill May and had promised to keep in touch. Stamper retire a Colonel after 22 years of service. Bill May put in 32 years and retire a Command Sgt. Major. I don't know what Tounzen retired as, but he put in 20 years. What a pleasant surprise. Especially since this was the first time I had ever attended this event. It is as though destiny has brought us back together. The last time I saw any of these guys was about December 1, 1948. I got discharged Dec. 5, 1948. Fifty five years is a long time, but it was great to meet old friends.

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Your dad is a complex guy - whose isn't? And buying the perfect Father's Day gift for the most important man in your life is seldom a simple task, but Carson Pirie Scott has all you need to make a dad glad this summer.

For work or play, from designer duds to loungewear, fragrances, and gadgets and toys for grown-up boys, we've got all the styles and brands dads love, including Columbia, Chaps, Dockers and our exclusive Ruff Hewn... But how does one go about selecting the ideal gift?

"Our great gift ideas for dad can be summed up in three basic categories: fashion, fragrance, and gadget gifts," said Brian Grover, VP Divisional Merchandise Manager for Men's and Young Men's Sportswear. "Finding the right gift for your father is a matter of determining his likes and needs."

Fashion

For many men, wearing the latest colors and styles is becoming increasingly important. However, the cardinal rule of men's fashion hasn't changed; men demand comfort. Fortunately, in the summer months, style and comfort go hand-in-hand.

This season, the must-haves for men's summer and casual wear are a combination of cargo shorts, chinos, jeans, print wovens, tees, tanks and polos. Dress wear is also a great choice for dads at the office. And, if he's a golfer, brightly striped, textured or solid polos and khaki pants are ideal for on or off the course. We're sure to have something to fit every man's taste.

Fragrance & Skin Care

More than ever, dads of every age are looking for fragrances and men's grooming supplies to keep them looking and smelling young and attractive. From layering scents to using specialty shave and skin care products, men's grooming has truly become a fashion statement.

There are three basic men's fragrance types: athletic fragrances - generally light and water or citrus-based in scent (example: Aramis Life); office fragrances - can also have water or citrus scents, but are generally slightly heavier or may have a light wood or moss-type scent (example: Acqua Di Gio); and evening/weekend fragrances - the strongest of the three types, generally has a heavy wood, musk or oriental scent (example: Black-Kenneth Cole).

Gadget Gifts

Gadget gifts can range from barbecue and patio equipment to toys for grown-up boys, relaxation aides such as massagers, and neat knick-knacks. These items are often a big hit with hard-to-shop-for dads. Our selection includes patio hammocks, grill equipment sets, remote control cars, six-in-one casino games, table top pool tables, hand-held electronics, chair and foot massagers, air purifiers, stylish desk and pocket watch sets, and much more.

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The Senseo coffee makers come in three colors, blue, black and white and retail for \$69.99. Coffee pods retail for \$3.99 and contain 18 Senseo coffee pods. For more info visit their web site at www.senseo.com.

Opening New Tsuki, Japanese restaurant and lounge opening at 1441 W. Fullerton

Chef Toyoji Hemmi will captivate diners who cooked with his mother when he was a child. By the time he was ten he knew his destiny would be as a chef. He also has the distinction of being certified in the craft of blowfish.

Some of the items you'll find on the menu include spicy tuna roll, Chaliapin steak, striped bass, fresh salmon with mango, avocado and raspberry sauce. Then there is the house signature roll, Tsuki, comprised of fresh-water eel, egg omelet, cucumber, avocado, radish sprouts with chili sauce and topped with eel sauce. Call 773-883-8722 for more info and reservations. They are open seven days a week.

Enlighten your dinner table with chili salsa beef



Chili Salsa Beef Serves 4

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| 1 1/2 pounds boneless beef chuck | |
| 1 tbs olive oil | |
| 1 cup prepared salsa, medium or chunky | |
| 2 tbs brown sugar | 1 tbs soy sauce |
| 1 clove garlic crushed | |
| 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro | 2 tbs fresh lime juice |
| 2 cups hot cooked rice | |
| cilantro sprigs if desired | 1 lime, quartered |

Trim fat from beef and cut into 1-inch pieces. In Dutch oven heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add beef and brown. Pour off drippings. Stir salsa, sugar, soy sauce and garlic into beef. Bring to boil and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Remove cover and continue cooking 30 minutes until beef is tender. Remove from heat. Stir in cilantro and lime juice. Spoon beef over rice and garnish with cilantro and lime.

Summer weekend cooking to add zest to your life

Chili Salsa Beef is a sure way to fire up a weekend. It also makes a great weekday meal if you double the recipe and freeze some for later dining. Start with a beef chuck pot roast and cut into 1-inch pieces.

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Anita's kitchen favorites

Recipes by Anita Anderson

Everyone has favorite recipes that you seem to go back to preparing time after time. Mine range from chocolate cake recipes to a moist banana bread or even chocolate chip cookies. Kids especially like the tried and true so as a baker you aim to please. Here a few others that have added to my roster of favorite foods.

Barbecue Pork Loin Roast

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| 6-8 pound pork loin cut into rib chops | |
| 1/2 cup soft butter | |
| 1 tsp. Dry mustard, salt and paprika | |
| 1 clove crushed garlic | 1 tbs sugar |
| 2 tbs lemon juice | 1/4 cup chopped onion |
| 2 tbs Worcestershire sauce | 1 tbs ketchup |
| 2 drops Tabasco | 2 tbs vinegar |

With a string tie chops back together in roast-like fashion. Place roast with rib ends up in pan.

Beat the butter, mustard, salt, paprika, garlic, sugar and lemon juice and rest of ingredients.

Spread half of the barbecue mixture over roast. Cover with foil and bake at 325 degrees one hour. Then uncover and rest of sauce. Roast uncovered for two hours.

Pearl Hungarian Goulash

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| 2 lb. Stew meat or pot roast, cut up | 4 large onions |
| 1 green pepper, cut in pieces | 3 slices bacon |
| 1 1/2 tbs. Paprika | 1 1/2 tsp. Salt |
| 2 cup boiling water | |

Fry bacon and remove. Brown meat and onion in bacon fat. Add green pepper, salt and paprika. Blend then add bacon and boiling water to cover. Cook slowly until tender. About 1 1/2 to 2 hours adding more water if necessary.

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(from left) Joseph Anthony Foronda, Rodney To, Narciso Lobo (kneeling), Bernardo Bernardo and Frederick Garcia star in Victory Gardens Theater's Midwest premiere of The Romance of Magno Rubio (Photo credit: Liz Lauren.)

Victory Gardens Theater presents a real winner

By Marijo Doody

The Romance of Magno Rubio based on the short story by Carlos Bulosan with additional dialogue in Tagalog by Ralph Pena is a new production presented at Victory Gardens Theater through July 11th.

Love, Filipino style is Lonnie Carters story based upon the hard luck tale of Magno, a simple immigrant labor-worker in the 1930's California who does not let hardship or heartbreak mar his hopeful spirit.

He "meets" Clarabelle through lonely-hearts ad, his fellow workers try to help his ardor in the irrational long-

distance relationship. He pays a colleague to write longer letters and eventually sends more and more letters and lots of money.

Eventually he proposes and she accepts, with more money and comes. Through clever word play, rap, rhymes, rhythms and song sung in Tagalong (subtitles) by Magno and his bunkhouse mates the play really rolls.

The five Filipino actors are local actors who are splendid. They are Bernardo Bernardo, Joseph Anthony Foronda, Frederick Garcia, Narciso Lobo and Rodney To. Playwright Carter is a Chicago-bread, New York-

based author who uses fanciful language in everything from the Bible to Beat poetry to black hipster jive and rap. Loy Arcenas collaborates with Carter. The initial response in New York was excellent so the production was cast with all local Asian-American actors. The wonderful spirit of the men, their spirituality, loyalty and joy comes through. This is highly recommended to all.

It runs at Victory Gardens, downstairs through July 11th. Tickets are \$30-\$35 and are available at the box office 773-871-3000. Victory Gardens is located in Chicago at 2257 N. Lincoln. Parking available at the Children's Memorial Hospital lot across the street.

"Fiddler" returns to basic roots

By Elizabeth Ann O'Connor

The classic, "Fiddler on the Roof," playing at the Drury Lane, Oakbrook until Aug. 1st opened to a full house who were in complete harmony with the story, music and cast. Set in the small Russian village of Anatevka, this beloved musical tells the heartbreaking as well as humorous story of the dairyman, Tevye who is trying to master the simplicities of his "traditional" life.

Craig Spidle, starring in the main role of Tevye, does an outstanding job showing just the right amount of emotions in all of the scenes. The theme of "change" and how



Photo; Craig Spidle (Tevye) and Iris Liebermann (Golde) in Fiddler on the Roof playing at Drury Lane, Oakbrook.

one adjusts is central throughout the story; following "tradition" certainly does present a challenge to one and all. Iris Liebermann, with her rich voice as Golde, supports Tevye in this "Fiddler" production.

The play is done in two

acts, and my favorite is Act One with the very lovely and popular songs of "Tradition," "Matchmaker," "If I were a Rich Man," and ending with "Sunrise, Sunset" which is very moving and meaningful! The "Wedding Dance" is performed exceptionally well by

Dublin Bloom premieres at Irish Repertory Theater

By Marijo Doody

Irish Repertory Theater's production of "Dublin Bloom," an adaptation of James Joyce's Ulysses features lots of wonderful linguistic treasures. Some people who are not familiar with the Irish brogue might have difficulty in understanding the story.

Using Joyce's "Ulysses," based upon Homer's "The Odyssey," all the action happens in the life of one character, Leopold Bloom. "Wild Chicago's" host, Will Clinger plays Bloom ably. The playwright, Dermot Bolger's adaptation, is a study in the trials and errors of staging Joyce. A Dublin Bloom substitutes the heroes, gods and monsters of Homer's story with everyday people and places in Dublin.

Three characters who are introduced are the young poet, Stephen, in depression over family and professional tragedy. He is determined to make changes, though not sure where he will be led. Then we have Leopold and Molly Bloom. Leopold is a mild mannered Jew, newspaper ad salesman, artist, lover and adventurer in his fantasy life. Molly, his wife of long years, who plays host to a concert promoter, is a suspected adulterer. The male characters meet in the usual male-bonding endeavors.

The pretty hard Joycean language is a bit like English, but mostly its own tool. It is as mighty as whiskey yet fluid and rippling as a rolling sea. The play is an ambitious project. It is both inspiring and raucous in the various scenes and with the numerous characters.

Clinger as Bloom, works



Erin Myers, Will Clinger, and Laura Scott Wade in A Dublin Bloom

carefully and his wide-eyed beetle character acting is superb. His best is the last scene. As Molly (Laura Scott Wade) recalls her long ago first kiss with Bloom, Joyce's words prove she is a considerable actress who is magnificent and the soul cannot be fooled. Director, Matt O'Brien admitted the stream-of-consciousness sections of the play are big challenges for the actors. The key is to think of it as a fever dream in a day in Bloom's life.

In Dublin, "Dublin Bloom" is being celebrated all summer in its centennial. In Christopher Hitchens's article in the June issue of Vanity Fair, the article pays

homage to the 100th anniversary of "Bloomsday" honoring Leopold Bloom's fictional Dublin walk in 1904. Hitchens's article observes that a full understanding of the book would require a deep knowledge of Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Gaelic, the Shakespeare canon, the Catholic liturgy, opera, world mythology and various forms of slang for all sorts of sexual byplay for starters. (The book was banned in the United States until 1933).

Irish Repertory is at Victory Gardens Upstairs, 2257 N. Lincoln, in Chicago. Tickets are \$36-\$42 and the box office phone is 773-871-3000. The show runs thru June 27th.



Photo: Annie and Warbucks

Annie presented at the Fireside, Inc.

The Fireside presented "Annie" in their dining/theater combination, Fireside is located in Fort Atkinson, WI. The production features all the great songs, dances and special moments of the play. Annie is played by Katie Stenavich and Elise Bartelt. Brian West plays Oliver Warbucks.

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the ensemble. James Zager reproduced the original choreography. (Note: Zager, with co-choreographer Marci Caliendo from Evergreen Park, was Jeff Awards Nominated in 2002).

Act Two is more serious in the story line. I felt that the final scene needed a better resolution to the conflict between the father and the daughter he disowned.

All in all, this production is very well done! The stage sets, designed by Kurt Sharp, are excellent and the music most memorable. The audience was so enamoured with

the production that they clapped after each song and at the end gave a standing ovation.

This production is highly recommended and the director Ray Frewen gets a big "thumbs up" for a job well done! Tickets are \$22-\$26 and can be purchased at the box office at 630-530-0111.

The production lasts 2 hours and 45 minutes, most of it in Act One. Reliving this experience again brought back so many wonderful memories of times gone by when it was first seen and enjoyed it.

Maloney's bills address the assault of sports officials

State Senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) has advanced two bills to the Governor's desk that would permit law enforcement officials to charge individuals who attack sports officials or coaches with aggravated assault and would require a

mandatory minimum fine be assessed to the attacker.

The first of Senator Maloney's bills, House Bill 4023, would make the offense an act of aggravated assault if the attacker knows that the victim is a coach or sporting official. Additionally, the attack must occur near or within a sports

facility and the victim must be participating in an event at the sports facility. This legislation includes referees and umpires refereeing a game at any level of play, from professional sports to ball and youth soccer. Individuals convicted of the crime could be eligible for a term of imprisonment up to one year and a maximum fine of \$2500.

The second, House Bill 4120 will require a mandatory minimum fine be given to anyone convicted of battery of a sports official. This bill is complimentary legislation to House Bill 4023. All of the fines and penalties addressed by HB 4023 will remain the same.

"These bills are a necessary measure to protect both sports officials and coaches from violent fans," said Maloney. "As a former official, I can tell you that referees are an integral part of the game. In the past, the law didn't protect sports officials and coaches regardless of the extent of their injuries. These new laws, when signed by the Governor, will make important clarifications to existing law strengthening our ability to send a clearer message that these types of attacks will not be tolerated."

Don't Break A Heart

By June Hamer

School is now out, Children are about. Whenever you drive Keep everyone alive.

Keep your foot by the brake So a precious life you don't take. Please don't break a heart, If before you they dart.



Congratulations to all 2004 graduates. Our best wishes go out to you from the staff of the Village View Newspaper. Keep reaching for your dreams.

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

names of graduates from all classmates that have attended St., Martin or St. Anne from State through Halsted. The committee has been organized so that many different graduating classes will be represented.

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If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. A committee is gathering

Oak Lawn Community High School Alumni

Notice of All 60's Class Reunion

A reunion is scheduled to be held October 15 - 17, 2004, Oak Lawn Community High School Homecoming Weekend, for alumni of the 60s. If you attended OLCHS during the decade of the 60s and would like further details of the amazing weekend we have planned, please contact Dian Gambon Lake at Dian46@comcast.net; Marlene DeVries Johnson at Antyma7@aol.com; or write to OLCHS All 60s Reunion Committee, 6300 Barbara Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477. A three day Gala is planned for your entertainment. A Friday night reception at the Hilton. Saturday Pancake Breakfast, participation in the Homecoming parade down 95th Street, Homecoming football game, alumni room in the High School and Saturday night banquet and dinner dance. Sunday will end the events with a great breakfast. Most of the activities are being held at the Oak Lawn Hilton. If you are interested in coming why not get a group of your friends together and join the fun.

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Hubbard Street Dance announces summer faire

Hubbard Street 2 announces three choreographic competition winners along with free summer performances. Each choreographic competition winners will spend a week-long residency at the Lou Conte Dance Studio, home to HSDC's main company. As part of the program, the choreographic party will conduct a master class twice and create a new work.

The choreographic competition winners are Steve Rooks, (June 19-26) trained in Washington DC and NYC. He is current instructor with the Alvin Ailey School and the Martha Graham Center. Johannes Wieland (Aug 7-14), is German and received training in Hambourg St. Opera's Ballet school and received a MFA from New York University's Trish School of the Arts. D.A. Hoskins (Aug 21-28) created work at the School of Toronto Dance Theater, Ryerson University and L'Ecole de Danse de Quebec.

The choreographic competition winners were chosen from over 100 applicants. In addition to hosting the artists HSD summer activities include performances at Lakefront Festival of Arts, Milwaukee, Sunday, June 20 at a free 1pm performance. Festival admission \$8 at the gate. Call 414-224-3854 for information or advanced tickets. Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble, Chicago Tuesday July 27 at 11am and 1pm is the first site in Chicago. Also in Chicago the Harold Washington Library Center at 400 S. State hosts the third free program at 12:15 pm. on July 28th.

Heritage Theater Company's announces summer outdoor production

Fools by Neil Simon will be presented as the Heritage Theater eight annual outdoor production for two weekends on June 18, 19, 25 and 26. The lawn opens for picnics at 7pm and the show begin at 8pm. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, food and beverages. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. If the weather is inclement call 815-836-5480 for added information. The Philip Lynch Theater is located on the main campus at Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

Noble Fool at Pheasant Run summer production is announced

The Noble Fool at Pheasant Run summer production is announced to be the Woody Allen play Don's Drink the Water from June 16 to September 5th. The author Allen is an Academy Award winner for films Annie Hall, and other things. Staring will be actors from the loop cast including Paul Connell and Ed Stevens.

Roster for Lyric Opera announced

Lyric Opera of Chicago Announces the 2004 - 2005 Roster of Singers for the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists Richard Pearlman, director of the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists (LOCAA), is delighted to announce sopranos Tina Beverly and Erica Strauss, tenor Joseph Kaiser, and bass-baritones Brandon Mayberry and Christian Van

Horn have joined current LOCAA. Former ensemble members are soprano Nicole Cabell, mezzo-sopranos Lauren Curnow and Guang Yang, tenor Patrick Miller, baritones Levi Hernandez and Quinn Kelsey (recipient of a 2004 Sara Tucker Study Grant of \$5,000), and bass-baritone Wayne Tigges to make up the Center's 2004 - 2005 artistic roster. The singers are natives of California, China, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, New York (2), Ohio, Pennsylvania, Quebec, and Texas.



Soprano Tina Beverly (1st year; Chicago, Illinois)

"The 2004-2005 ensemble of the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists includes seven singers who performed with distinction during Lyric's recently completed season, plus five new ensemble members who have already gained national recognition for their work in both opera and recital settings," says Pearlman.

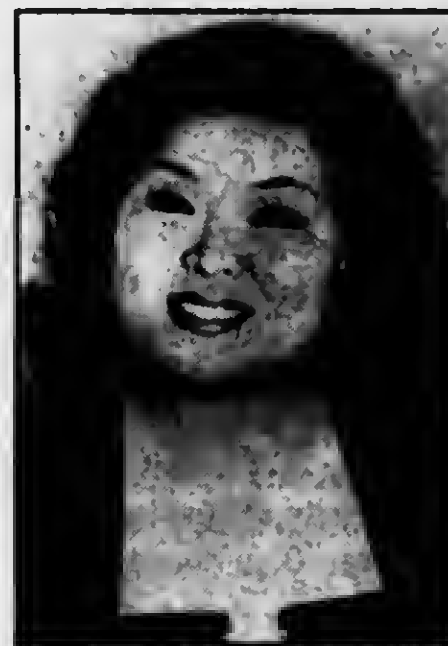
"It is a sign of their stature that during Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2004-2005 season they will be seen in several leading and featured roles along with their usual quota of supporting parts," Pearlman notes. "Their preparation this summer will include intense one-on-one work with legendary mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne and world-famed coaches Gildo DiNunzio and Craig Rutenberg on traditional operatic material. They will also appear with the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra in a staged concert version of Johann Strauss's Die Fledermaus on May 20, and Puccini's Gianni Schicchi with the Grant Park Music Festival on Aug. 4.

Once again, Chicago audiences will have the first opportunity to see a fabulously talented group of young artists whose work will soon be seen on stages all over the world," says Pearlman.

Gianna Rolandi, director of vocal studies for the Opera Center since 2002, is responsible for the vocal health of the ensemble members. "The program is not a school,

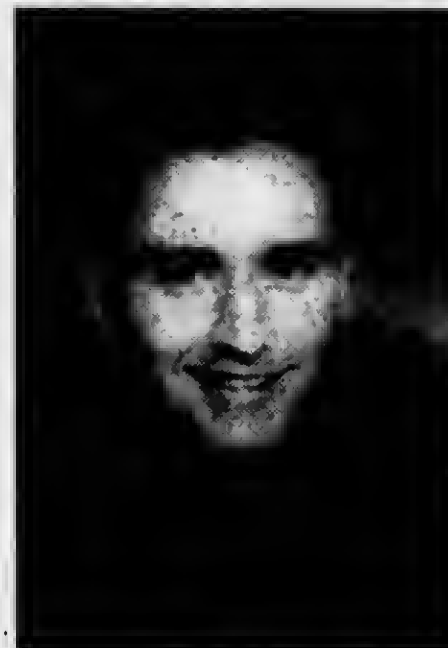
"these are all young professional singers with a lot of experience in regional opera houses," she emphasizes. "During their tenure at Lyric we strive to polish their already-considerable professional skills and provide them with opportunities for performing experience in a major international opera house."

LOCAA was established in 1974 as the professional artist-development program for Lyric Opera of Chicago. Since its inception, LOCAA has been recognized as one of the premier programs of its kind in the world. That standing is maintained by providing the finest up-and-coming singers with unparalleled training and experience.



Mezzo-Soprano Guang Yang (3rd year; Beijing, China)

Selected from more than 500 singers who audition annually, the Opera Center ensemble members are in residence for twelve months. They typically range in age from mid-20s to mid-30s. Over the course of the year they receive advanced instruction in numerous aspects of operatic performance, including voice lessons, language and acting training, and master classes with some of opera's most renowned artists.



Tenors Patrick Miller (2nd year; Minneapolis, Minnesota)

LOCAA members gain

Amusements & Theater

by Marijo Doody



valuable performing experience by participating in recitals and concerts at many Chicago-area venues. During Lyric Opera's Mainstage season, they perform and understudy roles at all levels. This presents an extraordinary opportunity to work with the world's greatest opera singers, conductors, and directors, thus advancing the young singers' professionalism.



Baritone Quinn Kelsey (2nd year; Honolulu, Hawaii)

LOCAA has a roster of distinguished alumni who performed regularly on the stages of leading international opera houses. It includes Alicia Berneche, Harolyn Blackwell, David Cangelosi, Mark S. Doss, Jennifer Dudley, Elizabeth Futral, Donald Kaasch, Maria Kanyova, Kathleen Kuhlmann, Gregory Kunde, Dina Kuznetsova, Cynthia Lawrence, Emily Magee, Nancy Maultsby, Matthew Polenzani (who was just named winner of the 2004 Richard Tucker Award of \$30,000), Robynne Redmon, and Patricia Risley. Soprano Erin Wall, who completed three years with the Opera Center in early April, was recently named one of the three winners of the 2004 Aria Awards (\$15,000), and was also awarded a Richard Tucker Career Grant (\$7,500). The program was incorporated in 1974 as the Lyric Opera School of Chicago.

It was renamed the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists in 1981, to more fully reflect the organization's professional activities.

I fondly remember Gregory Kunde from Chicago who sang with our local choir while he was a member of LOCAA. What fun it was when a number of us went to the Ravinia festival in the 90's and went back stage to see him. He was famous as he had sung in most of the famous Opera Houses in the world.

Currently scheduled major appearances for the

LOCAA ensemble members this spring and summer include: Weds., Aug. 4, 6:30 pm Gianni Schicchi with the Grant Park Orchestra Grant Park Music Festival Jay Pritzker Pavilion, 205 E. Randolph St. (Millennium Park), Chicago. FREE. For information, call 312-742-4763 or go to www.grantparkmusicfestival.com.



Upcoming schedule

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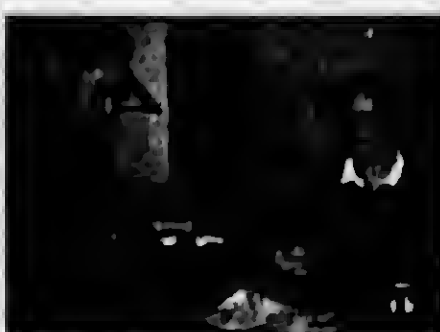
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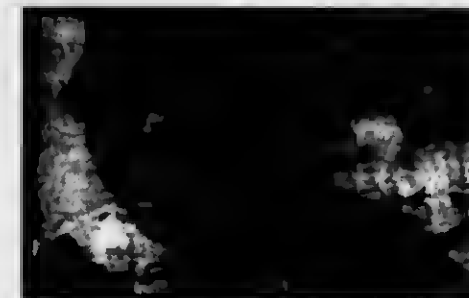
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Camiros: Metra-Triangle area qualifies for TIF

By David Vognar

Orland Park is known for more than a few things. It is a shopping Mecca. It was formerly the "world's golf center." And it is primed to surpass Oak Lawn in population within the next few years.

However, as any commuter who drives down the swath of LaGrange Avenue east of Southwest Highway and north of 143rd Street will aver, it is also known for a blighted, underdeveloped chunk of land.

But what your average motorist might not know is that the village has big plans for that chunk, more formally known as the Metra-Triangle area. For about a year now, village officials have been jumping through the preliminary hoops in their grand-scale plan to convert the area into a mixed-use residential/commercial zone. A new Metra commuter rail station will highlight the eventual lot.

The village's biggest headway in seeing its plan to fruition came with the unveiling of Chicago-based urban planning company Camiros's TIF report. The village commissioned Camiros to determine whether the designated land area would comply with tax increment financing laws, which allow local governments to develop blighted areas by cannily manipulating property tax stipulations. Camiros's report gave the village a bright green light.

In theory, TIF laws will permit Orland officials to freeze property tax values in the proposed TIF district at a lower rate until development is over. After construc-

tion, and the much anticipated—and coveted—private investment from businesses, property tax values will dwarf former figures.

The net difference between post-construction assessed values and those values prior to TIF district designation can be used to pay for development. That the Metra-Triangle area qualified will be a significant boon to the village.

Released by Camiros employee Jeanne Lindwall, the report outlines that 38% of the Metra-Triangle area suffers from dilapidation; 63% from obsolescence; 75% from substandard code violation; 25% from unsanitary conditions; and 100% from inadequate facility structures and poor integration with community plans. All of the preceding percentages fell in with what the TIF laws consider blighted land.

The report was compiled after extensive surveying. Both exterior and field consultations were performed by Camiros, as was a lengthy study of real estate assessment data.

Another reason that the area complied with legislation was the age of its non-vacant land. All of the existing buildings in the lot are 35 years old; some are even older.

Camiros and the village hope that the creation of a TIF district will do more than just repay the costs of construction. Other goals include improving the village's land use patterns and, patently, enhancing its tax base. Both parties firmly believe that the increased service demands on the area will be negligible.

In 2002, property tax

assayers valued the district at \$3,983,348; the village hopes that it will be worth \$35 to \$40 million by 2027.

Lindwall's high end estimate of the cost incurred by the village was in the \$141 million range, with the majority of the expenditures—

\$30 million—stemming from estimated acquisition costs.

Not included in the district are the Old Orland commercial spots or the Orland Park shopping center, though both qualified under TIF regulations.

A match made in Oak Forest?

By David Vognar

With the large trade area that Cicero and Ridgeland etch around Oak Forest, it's no wonder that the city stands out among its neighbors in the far south suburbs. But the city's trade area might be even better than local officials had thought.

Citing Oak Forest's "large trade area formed by the intersection of I-80 and 294" and the city's "very high diversity, both socioeconomic, ethnic, age and career-wise," the Buxton Corporation's representative Gregory Demos proclaims an even more auspicious outlook for the local economics. And Oak Forest ombudsmen are listening.

Demos is a territorial manager for Buxton's core product, its Community ID service. As professional as that sounds, the company's mantra is actually predicated on a paradigm most popularly explored by a young Walt Disney.

Playing the role of a Cinderella-esque matchmaker, Community ID moils through a dearth of demographic statistics to find what businesses best match the buying tendencies of Oak Forest residents.

The mayor, for one, had his interest piqued by the talk of lucrative profits that will stick. The mayor was especially distraught recently

when Dominicks decided to pick up its stakes and leave. Just years earlier, the city stuck out its neck and issued bonds in an effort to assist the grocer's construction.

"We talk about attracting (businesses)," began Mayor Patrick Gordon, "and we're certainly getting a lot of interest from developers."

Despite Community ID's impressive consumer-oriented philosophy, the area's developers and contractors need not break a sweat; Community ID does not deal in obsolescence. Rather, it seeks to streamline the process of attracting businesses, while impressing those companies looking to expand with the punchy statistics it provides to municipalities, according to Demos.

Community ID's parent company currently oversees 6,000 stores worldwide. Community ID itself works with "psychographic data" for over 600 retailers in this country. Endorsed by the National League of Cities, the program begins by choosing three geographical areas a given city would like to develop.

Over a period of thirty days, the company then surveys the citizens in and around those areas, glomming on to their composite buying habits. The company fits the households into segments. Dominant segments, said Demos, con-

tain households with similar buying habits that constitute over 5% of the city's population.

For forty-five more days, the company will "shop" the city to approximately twenty companies whose trade areas resemble Oak Forest.

"We're still looking at it as a possibility, a tool to use," Mayor Gordon said. "We think it could be a very successful tool."

If Oak Forest does decide to use the company's services, the city will be the third to do so in Illinois. Already, Roundlake and Broadview have completed the second phase of the pro-

gram and are considering the list of companies that match those cities' citizens.

Gary, Indiana also works with Community ID. The decade-old company operates with 85 cities in 33 states; 100 cities are considering the company's offer.

Briefly, the Oak Forest Youth Commission raised more than \$3,000 at the June 5-6 Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The commission is still looking for new members. It meets every second Thursday of the month at the senior center, and could use teen bands for its teen tent at the Oak Fest.

Village of Orland Park Farmers' Market

Community Organizations Invited to Sponsor Fundraising Lunches

The Village of Orland Park invites local community organizations to participate in its annual Farmers' Market as a lunch sponsor to raise funds for their organizations. The market will be open every Friday from June 11th to October 8th, 2004 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Last year several organizations participated in this popular event. Market shoppers and vendors look forward to the weekly barbecue lunches that are provided by the Orland Park Special Recreation and community organizations at a nominal charge.

The Village of Orland Park will provide a super cooker, picnic tables and tents. Organizations will provide food, condiments and paper products needed to serve lunch. Typical lunches include hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, chips, cookies, soda and water. All proceeds from the sales of the lunches will be retained by the sponsoring organization.

The market is conveniently located in the parking lot directly south of the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. Vendors include producers of fresh fruits and vegetable, specialty gourmet foods, soaps, flowers, potted plants, jewelry and many other items.

For more information on how to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity and to reserve a date, please call (708) 403-6145.

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Did You Say "Cancer"?

By Dr. Michael F. McVady

My grandfather, Lou, was a real character and I loved him for it. He lived next door to me when I was growing up and when he died of cancer I accepted it. I figured that's just how people died.

I'm old enough to remember when president Nixon declared "war" on cancer. I also know that it's been over thirty years since then, literally trillions of dollars have been spent on research and treatment and yet we are no closer than we were before. In fact, we're losing ground. According to the AMA, approximately 1 out of 3 Americans will die from cancer. I picture one-third of my family and friends dying. I can't accept that. That's an epidemic!

Research shows that all humans produce cancer cells and if they are not destroyed on a continuous and complete basis, then we're in trouble. But research also shows that anywhere from 60 to 85% of cancer is prevent-

able. How?

Rather than be interested in the study of disease and what causes man to die, I've always been interested in the study of life and what causes man to live. This is what I've found: the keys for cancer prevention are accessible to every man, woman and child.

I'd like to share this with you. On Monday, June 28, at 7:30pm, I'll be holding a workshop called "Cancer Prevention". It's part of my Community Awareness Program, it's 45 minutes long and it's free. We're holding it at the Tinley Park Community Church, located at 7939 W. 167th, Tinley Park. Call us at my clinic today, 708-226-1161, to reserve your seats. Seating is limited!

My grandfather told me that I should be a teacher. The word doctor means "teacher" and it's a privilege to teach my patients every day about what health is, where it comes from, how we lose it and how we get it back. It would have been something to teach my

grandpa Lou but maybe I can share what I've learned with you.

WE CARD Training session scheduled

Village of Orland Park Will Host Free Training Session

The Village of Orland Park will host We Card, a program sponsored by the Coalition for Responsible Tobacco Retailing on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The We Card program provides classroom training that is beneficial for those in the retail community involved in sales of age-restricted products like tobacco. Offered at no cost and as a service to retailers, We Card training sessions are taught by professional train-

ers. Attendees will learn a summary of state tobacco laws, how to spot fake IDs and which IDs can be accepted, how to identify popular ploys used by minors, how to use We Card materials to ensure accurate age calculations, how to handle difficult situations when

sales are refused, and how to handle second party sales.

All business owners, managers and store employees are invited to participate in this valuable, interactive skill-building session. There is no charge for the seminar or the training materials. Participants will receive free We

Card POS and training materials. Refreshments will be provided.

Call 1-888-872-4603 today for registration and information on this free training session. For directions to the Orland Park Civic Center, please call 708-403-6200.

Opening Day at Orland's Farmer's Market

The Village of Orland Park Farmers' Market opened its third season on Friday, June 11th at 7:30 a.m.

The market features barbeque lunches featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and chicken sandwiches are available for a nominal price from June through August. There is a free dino jump and balloons for the kids.

The market will be open every Friday, rain or shine, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 8, 2004.

Orland Park Special Recreation Program Seeks Volunteers

Help Needed for Stepping Stones Program

The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department Special Recreation Program is seeking volunteers for one of its annual summer events.

"Special Day for Special People is a great event for everyone, the participants, the volunteers and all those involved with Orland Days," Rau said. She added, "High School District #230 students will already be on summer vacation, so if they need community service hours, this is a great way to get them."

The village's Recreation and Parks Department is also looking for volunteers for its Stepping Stones Program. Stepping Stones is offered for individuals with special

needs and includes activities, community outings, and job-related skills training.

Two sessions are held each summer, June 16 through July 3 and July 14 through July 31. The program is held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Three different levels each offer a different curriculum for special needs adolescents and young adults between the ages of fourteen and twenty-two. Each program focuses on skill development and includes non-job related activities along with those that teach job related skills needed in the workplace.

Those volunteering for the Stepping Stones Program must be at least fourteen years old. Previous experience working with individuals with disabilities is not re-

quired and there is no minimum requirement for the number of hours volunteered each week.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for those studying or considering the fields of special education or therapeutic recreation to get some great hands-on experience; however we do welcome people who would simply like to help out," Rau said.

"Students from Consolidated High School District #230 are required to complete twenty-four hours of community service in order to graduate," said Orland Park Special Recreation Specialist Shannon Neal. "Working with Stepping Stones, these students can complete their community service hours in just a few weeks," she added.

Further information about volunteering for Orland Park's Special Day for Special People or the village's Stepping Stones Program is available by calling the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.

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Chicago Ridge: Keep on Truckin'

By David Vognar

For more than six years, Irish-American Michael Roche has been operating a truck parking business just west of Southwest Highway and 103rd street in the industrial zone of the city. Recently, though, almost outpacing the growth of Roche's business has been the growth of Roche's trouble with the village.

That gall spilled over at the June 1 village board meeting, when Mayor Eugene Siegel ordered Village Attorney George Witous to devise a regulatory ordinance to govern the ownership of an itinerant truck parking facility, in specific reference to Roche.

Before the first board meeting in July, the village demanded that Roche and a private engineer present to the village a time frame and drawing for paving and re-cementing the sidewalks of his business.

Most of Chicago Ridge's ire stems from the fact that Roche has never reported to the village exact figures that spell out who, in fact, is renting spaces. Even as Roche himself has always filed copies of his renters' licenses, the village is still looking for formal documentation—something Roche has been loath to supply.

"There could be hazardous materials in (the trucks); there could be narcotics in there," explained Police Chief Timothy Baldermann, underscoring the village's security concerns.

In addition to safety issues, the village also deemed that, with the undeniable growth of Roche's business, what was once a nuts and bolts operation should have to conform to heightened

standards. Currently, Roche maintains a seven-acre lot that parks approximately thirty trailers and seventy tractors.

An innovative enterpriser, Roche has attracted the interests of long-term trucking parkers as well as those looking for temporary storage. Roche has even convinced Truckworks, a company that holds office in the industrial zone near Roche's lot, to lease fifteen spots for its repair and maintenance work.

With such a large clientele, the village wants to be sure that any danger brought on by hazardous materials or other truck-loaded devices can be obviated ahead of time. Besides a formal re-vamping of the area, other formalities may be in store for Roche before he can appease the village.

"He should have a business license," stated Mayor Siegel, "to have a truck parking business."

Also, Chief Baldermann made it clear that a simple site clean up may be the easiest of Roche's jobs. The chief opined that Roche should have to make photocopies of licenses, file formal applications, obtain a business license, and record what is stored in each truck by whom.

"The only way to do this," began Trustee Bruce Quintos, "is the right way. And it might involve Mr. Witous limiting some spots over there."

Overall, Roche felt that the village's concerns were fair, and they would be relatively easy to follow. As for Chicago Ridge's end of the ordeal, trustees recognized the need for patience and understanding.

"It is going to require



Vicki Mansbridge and her son Tom in front of their store, Furry Friends Professional Grooming Shop

Do you have a "Furry Friend"?

Furry Friends at 11242 S. Harlem makes your pet their friend. Just bring it in for a grooming session and it will come out looking beautiful.

Celebrating their seventh year, Vicki Mansbridge and her son Tom do all kinds of animals—dogs, cats, some birds, and rabbits—pretty

much anything.

They will give your pet the full treatment of a haircut, bath, brush their teeth, clip their nails and make them look pretty. They do all this, depending on the type of animal, for \$10-150.

The best pet owner is one who keeps up with their dog

some type of new business approach," said Trustee Donald Pratl.

In other news, the village expressed excitement over the expansion of the Batory Buffet on Harlem and the opening of Steve & Barry's University Sportswear at 9640 S. Ridgeland

Additionally, the village authorized funds to be used

in the purchase of two used vehicles, priced at \$16,000 each. The village will also buy a \$5,000 German Shepard dog and will foot \$2500 for an officer to become trained in canine unit tactics. All of the preceding funds came from the narcotics account, which stores money the village seizes from drug dealers.

and brings it in often. That way it's easier on the animal and the groomer.

At Furry Friends, you can also adopt a pet. They will place animals in a good home. They have a list of pets to place and usually can do it within one day.

Their hours are 8:30am-4:30pm Tuesday & Thursday, 9am-6:30pm Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday, Monday & Sunday they are closed.

Call Vicki or Tom at 708-361-2338 for an appointment.

Palos Township Assessor extends hours for appeals

We wish to inform the citizens of Palos Township that we have expanded office hours to accommodate those property owners in the township who want help in appealing their property tax assessment.

In addition to offering help in filing appeal forms during regular office hours, 8:30am-4:30pm, Mondays through Fridays, our help is also available by appoint-

ment at other time through Monday, July 12. Our office is located at 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills.

Although property owners may also file through their private attorneys, we want them to know that filing with the help of the township office is free of charge.

For further information or to make an appointment, call the township assessor's office at 708/598-4418.



Strawberry Fest at Palos United Methodist Church

Palos United Methodist Church announces Strawberry Fest.

A special treat this year for children will be clown/magician/balloon entertainer, David Fleming, sponsored by the church. Bee Faithful Quilter, Sunday June 27th at 11am-3pm. The festival is at 121st and Harlem, Palos Heights, IL.

Pastor Kathy Peterson

said over the past 13 years, \$93,000 has been raised for mission projects. Strawberry shortcake and sundaes, full lunches, bake sale, crafts, games and entertainment will be available.

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United Insurance Services receives prestigious Ft. Dearborn Life Insurance Award

United Insurance Services Ltd (UIS) in southwest suburban Palos Heights, received the prestigious Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company "Senior Agency of the Year" Award for 2003. Richard Ziemianski, Director of Business Development for UIS, recently accepted the award on behalf of the company.

This marks the third consecutive year that UIS received the coveted award. "We feel honored to receive recognition from the insur-



Richard Ziemianski

ance industry for our retirement planning and life insurance products", says Mr. Ziemianski. "We take pride in our continued commitment and service to the senior community."

UIS began its affiliation with Ft. Dearborn Life Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Illinois, in 1996. In addition to retirement planning and life insurance products, UIS is the largest senior general agency in Illinois representing BCBS of Illinois.

For more information, call United Insurance Services at 1-800-244-0636.

S.A.L.T. meeting to take place

The third meeting of Seniors and Lawmen Together (S.A.L.T.) will take place from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 21, at The Timbers of Shorewood, 1100 N. River Road. This event will be held in the Grand Ballroom and is open to the public.

The county-wide group is composed of:

- older members of the community,
- people who work with the elderly, and
- law enforcement personnel.

In close collaboration with the sheriff and police chief, the S.A.L.T. Council focuses on the crime-related needs of older adults. Its main function is to act as an advisory group for the area's law enforcement personnel who will hear first-hand from residents about crime and fears about crime.

Together, law enforce-

ment and senior leaders explore unmet needs and concerns. As the council develops and expands, it will assume an active and indispensable role. Participants learn of the availability of the programs that already exist and recommend additional strategies for complementing existing programs or beginning new ones.

Membership draws from not only older adults in the community but the clergy; the business community; health care professionals; service organizations such as AARP, Jaycees, Kiwanis, etc.; local agencies working directly with seniors, aging professionals and the media.

Meetings will take place monthly. A vital, lively group representing various segments of the community and involving respected, older persons can be the catalytic force for change. It is an instrument through which the quality of life for present and future seniors is enriched and improved.

The Timbers of Shorewood is a rental retirement community which provides independent and assisted living apartments and a full schedule of activities and services. Residents, whose needs may change, are able to stay in the same place and receive appropriate care.

This event is free and open to the public, space permitting. Reservations are requested. For more information, call Bridget Osswald at (815) 609-0669.

Bradley to host reception for prospective students

Bradley University Admissions Office will host a reception on Monday, June 28, for area high school students interested in attending Bradley.

The reception will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Oak Lawn Hilton at 9333 S. Cicero Ave. in Oak Lawn. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling the Bradley Admissions Office at (800) 447-6460. Information on summer receptions may be found on the Bradley website at www.bradley.edu/admissions/student.

The reception will include a formal program.

Box Tops for Education

CONTACT: Wendy Horner (708) 598-8446 ext. 16

horner@greenhills.lib.il.us, www.greenhills.lib.il.us

Green Hills Public Library will be collecting Box Tops for Education between Memorial Day and Labor Day to help North Palos School District 117. All we ask you to do is clip these small coupons off the top of name brands such as Betty Crocker, General Mills, and Green Giant. Bring these coupons into the Library, and drop them in our collection box at the Circulation desk. North Palos School District receives \$0.10 for each coupon collected. Call 708-598-8446 for more information. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

Passport to Reading

Green Hills Public Library's Summer Reading Program invites you to explore the world of reading while earning the chance to win some wonderful prizes. Passport to Reading runs June 8 through August 6. Children 15 and younger may register in the Youth Services Department, and all readers 16 and older may register in the Adult Services Department. Call 708-598-8446 for more information. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

Harry Potter trivia

Green Hills Public Library is calling all kids between the ages of 7 and 11 to celebrate the release of the third Harry Potter movie by playing our exciting trivia game for great prizes. Call the Youth Service Department 708-598-8446 ext. 19 for more information. The library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills.

Dal Estes

Dal Estes, a World War II veteran, will take you back with our troops as they move through Europe onward to the Battle of the Bulge. Enter the War Zone with this provocative discussion June 23 at 6:30 p.m. The Illinois Humanities Council sponsors this presentation. Stop by or call the Reference Desk, 708-598-8446 ext. 20 for more information or to register. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

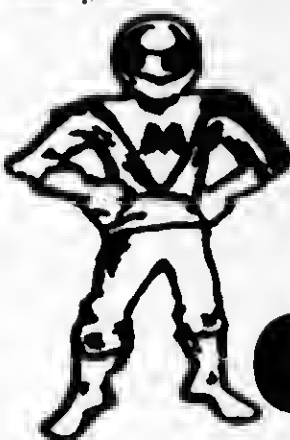
On display at Green Hills

The artwork of Palos Hills resident Evelyn Flynn is on display at the Green Hills Public Library throughout the month of June. St. Patricia art students are displaying their North American Indian projects, and the Palos Hills Garden Club will be on display in our display cases. The next time you are picking out a movie or a book, take some time to enjoy these collections. The Library is located at 8611 W. 103rd Street in Palos Hills.

Lava Lava Island comes to Worth

The United Methodist Church of Worth presents "Lava Lava Island" Vacation Bible School beginning Monday June 21 through June 25. The participants will meet between 6:30 - 9:00pm each evening. \$5 per child or \$10 per family of 3 or more. Ages 4 years old to 5th grade. Call the church at 708 / 448-6682 for more information.

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Oak Lawn approves commuter parking lot /train station TIF District

By Matt Mayer

Prior to the June 22nd Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, the Cook County Tax Watch, an independent, non partisan watchdog organization whose members include Trustee Bob Streit and Evergreen Park Republican Committeeman Maureen Murphy, held a protest in front of the village hall. Speaking to the crowd via a bullhorn were Streit and several other residents and a local business owner.

Energizing the crowd Streit said, "I am very encouraged by the number of people through out the village who attended the public meeting June 8th and stood up and gave their names and addresses to voice their opposition as well as questioning the board regarding this TIF district." He said "We all have to stick together-this is the only way we can stop it. In 1993 when the Brandt project was put on the ballot, it was voted down. Let them know how you feel; this is not a done deal." Streit belled.

Amidst public outcry against the project, the board approved the following ordinances for the creation the Commuter Parking Lot / Train Station (TIF) District.

1) An ordinance designating the Village of Oak Lawn Commuter Parking Lot/Station a tax increment redevelopment project area by 5-1, Streit dissenting.

2) An ordinance approving the Village of Oak Lawn Commuter Parking Lot / Train Station tax increment redevelopment plan and project, 5 -1, Streit dissent-

ing.

3) An ordinance adopting tax increment financing for the Village of Oak Lawn Commuter Parking Lot/Train Station TIF District 5-1, Streit dissenting. A Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing body obligations such as schools. The maximum life of a TIF district is 23 years. This TIF district is estimated to yield \$700,000 per year and is slated to dissolve in 7 to 10 years, at which time the project would be placed on the tax rolls.

Prior to approving the project, Streit asked a number of questions which were addressed by Village Manager Joe Faber and Village Attorney, Thomas Bayer. However tempers began to heat up when Streit asked about the village's ability to take tax increments up to 50 percent for low and very low-income units. He also questioned how many of these units are planned. Faber stated that low-income housing is not in this budget, so if approved, the budget doesn't allow for that expenditure.

Streit make a motion to put this project on the November election ballot. There was no support and the motion was dropped. After the meeting Evergreen Park Republican Committeeman Maureen Murphy handed out petitions to place this project on the November 2nd election ballot.



Evergreen Park Public Library commemorates Victory Gardens

In September of 1944, when the Evergreen Public Library was first established, the world was at war. Many resources were being redirected to support national war efforts, and citizens were asked to help in every way possible.

So people purchased war bonds, conserved raw materials, recycled, rallied behind the troops, and planted Victory Gardens.

The call to plant Victory Gardens was answered by an estimated 20 million Americans. Emphasis was placed on making gardening a family or communal effort.

In honor of all the Victory Gardens planted during the time the Evergreen Public Library first opened its doors, the library teamed up with interested individuals and organizations in the community to plant a Victory Garden on the east side of the building. Nancy Pollard from the University of Illinois Extension Service, Lynn Skizas and the Evergreen Park Community High School horticulture classes, Evergreen Park residents and Master Gardeners Rich Falzone, Kim Ladd, and Sue Palka, the Village of Evergreen Park Public Works Department, Dave Ridenour and the Evergreen Park Public Library designed and created the V-shaped garden. Evergreen Park resident Dave Ladd from Nature's Way Brick Paving donated and installed the brickwork outlining the garden, and the horticulture students put their knowledge to work by nurturing the plants from seed. The planting was supervised under the direction of Ms. Skizas and the Master Gardeners.

One side of the garden features a traditional Victory Garden design common in 1944. The opposite side reflects crops and garden designs popular in 2004. Two six-foot benches on either side of the garden encourage summer relaxation and quiet reflection.

This cooperative project is the inspiration of local individuals and organizations in Evergreen Park. It has produced an educational and aesthetic public garden that the entire community will enjoy. The Victory Garden was formally dedicated on Thursday, June 10, featuring the installation of a scarecrow family. The Victory Garden can be viewed at the Evergreen Park Public Library, located at 9400 S. Troy in Evergreen Park.

Evergreen Park welcomes Oberweis Dairy

By Matt Mayer

Joe Fahey, Director of Real Estate and Construction for Oberweis Dairy, and Developer Gus Danos were present at the June 21st Evergreen Park Board meeting. Danos presented an artist rendering and outlined the project. There will be two buildings on the site. Oberweis will occupy the corner of 95th and Kedzie Ave, which will lead out to a corridor-seating area with pebble stones and music. "We are also seeking another occupant for the other corner of the development on Kedzie Ave" Danos said. "We would like to have a coffee shop-style restaurant located in the project which would lead out to the food area between the two buildings." Danos said.

The building will consist of brick and stone with an approximate height of twenty-one feet. "We like to make the buildings tall; it gives a great presence, and this project will be an upscale development". Danos said. Fahey stated that Oberweis is excited to be part of this project. "We're looking to increasing the number of stores on the south side", Fahey said. This store is slated to open spring of 2005. The board also approved the vacation of the auxiliary police parking lot on Kedzie Ave for this project.

Mayor James Sexton announced that the annual Fourth of July Parade will commence at 95th and Harding on July 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Mindy Zubcic from the local American Cancer Society office outlined the 2004 American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. This is an overnight walk/run event

to be held on July 30th and 31st at Evergreen Park High School. Campsite set up and registration will be at 5:00 p.m. The opening ceremony, which includes a survivor's victory lap, will be at 7:00 p.m. The luminaria ceremony is at 8:30 p.m. and the closing ceremony will be Saturday at 7:00 a.m. Regional Vice President, Chris Hensley of the ACS, thanked Mayor Sexton and the village board for embracing the ACS and welcoming the ACS back. He presented the board with a sign which reads "This is a relay for life community", which can be displayed at one of the many entrances into the village.

The board approved an ordinance for JKM Home Builders subdivision of property at 3348 W. 99th St. The following requests were also approved: The 4th Annual St Xavier's Cougar 5K Run to be held on October 2, the Fifth Annual Library Book Sale on July 17, and the installation of a tent at Mulchrones Restaurant, to sell sandwiches and beer on July 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The board approved the following business regulation certificates: Office Depot to occupy the Walgreens store at the Plaza; Able Construction, a general contractor office at 3337 W. 95th St; Baldinelli's Pizza and Pasta at 3350 W. 95th St due to new ownership; a law office for Kelli Dudley at 3550 W. 95th St; Maximum Rehabilitation Services, LTD at 2959 W. 95th St; Eye Ear Nose and Throat Center at 3300 W. 95th St due to new ownership, and A-1 Outlet, retail sales of general merchandise and clothing at 3502 W. 95th St.

Engineer Tim Klass reported that all the street projects are on schedule.

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Air Force Airman Will-
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cal training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Holly Wayteck of Interclochen Drive, Palos Hills, Ill., and nephew of Julie Wayteck of JoCare Drive, Justice, Ill.

Wayteck is a 2001 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills.

District seeks information on alumni who died serving in Korean War

District 218 seeks information about alumni who died in military service during the Korean War. The district will dedicate a memorial plaque bearing their names around Veterans Day this year.

All would have attended Blue Island Community High School, the only district school in existence during that era. At that time, students from Blue Island, Oak Lawn, Alsip, Chicago Ridge, Palos Heights, Robbins, Calumet Park, Worth, Crestwood and Merrionette Park all attended Blue Island Community High School.

Community members can help with this project.

If any friends or relatives of District 218 alumni who died during the Korean War would like to contribute information, newspaper clippings, or photos (which would be returned), please call Bob McParland at 708-424-2000, ext. 2570.

In addition to the memorial plaque and dedication ceremony, the district will produce a printed program detailing the lives of alumni who died during the Korean War.

So far, the district has confirmed that the following alumni perished in Korea: Manuel Alvarado, Lawrence Mrotek, Terrence McNulty, James Patten, Jr., Laverne Statler, and Raymond Sutherland. It is possible, however, that there were other alumni who died while serving in the United States armed services during the Korean War.

Operation Home Front Financial Assistance to deployed military

Mayor Gerald R. Bennett and the City Council of Palos Hills, in furtherance of our community's appreciation and respect for the men and women who serve in our Nation's Armed Forces, have created a military discount program for the benefit of service personnel and their families.

The City of Palos Hills Operation Home Front allows the City to reimburse a resident's "City portion" of their property tax bill. The program suggested by Mary Ann Schultz, 5th Ward Alderman would lessen the financial burden for the families back home.

The City must be provided with the deployment papers of the military member, a photo ID confirming the Palos Hills address, documentation to confirm he/she is the head of household responsible for payment and verification that the of the property tax payment for 2003 has been paid, (for example, a statement from a bank or mortgage holder indicating tax payment, canceled check etc.). The residency must be the military members home and not a rental property.

The City of Palos Hills financial relief program would be good for one year, with the possibility of reapplication each year. The program, in its entirety, will be evaluated each year.

"It is our way of supporting and recognizing the men and women from Palos Hills for the sacrifices they are making on our behalf", said Alderman Schultz.

For more information please call Alderman Mary Ann Schultz at (708) 974-0217 or Mary Jo Vincent at (708) 430-4500.

Applications are available on online at www.paloshillsweb.org Click on Operation Home Front or at the Community Center, 8455 W. 103rd Street.

Water conservation program

The Village of Orland Park Water Conservation Program is in effect from May 15 to September 15 each year. All outdoor water usage is permitted only between 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., based on the odd/even address basis.

For more information, please call the Village of Orland Park Public Works Department at 708/403-6350.

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VA improves access to life insurance information

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that veterans will now be able to access their Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) accounts at any time of the day or night from any computer or telephone.

"Today's veterans are technologically savvy, and VA's Life Insurance program is constantly looking for better ways to meet their needs," said Under Secretary for Benefits Daniel L. Cooper. "We will be adding new features to both our online account and interactive voice response systems on a continuing basis so veterans can manage their policies from

anywhere, at any time."

Using a secure Web site, the VGLI Online Account Access system allows veterans to obtain basic information on their account through the insurance Web site at www.insurance.va.gov.

Veterans will be able to view their current amount of coverage, premium rate, and billing method, as well as change their billing address. In the future, veterans will have access to additional online tools allowing them to change their method and frequency of payment.

Also available on VA's insurance Web site is a new life insurance calculator that al-

lows veterans to calculate a recommended amount of life insurance based on their financial information.

The veteran enters financial information directly into the Web site including financial obligations, net additional income needed by survivors and current assets. By subtracting total assets from total financial obligations and net income needed, the calculator arrives at the amount of life insurance recommended.

Users' privacy will be protected by the latest cybersecurity measures. Veterans can also access their account information through

a new VGLI interactive voice response system that allows veterans to obtain account information through the telephone.

Veterans can call VA at 1-800-419-1473 any time, day or night, by using their telephone keypad and can hear recorded information on their accounts. They can also request certain changes to their VGLI accounts, such as billing frequency and payment method, as well as order certain forms via mail or fax.



Rev. David J. Byrne laid to rest

David Byrne was a priest, educator and friend to many relatives and friends.

In his mid-thirty's David gave up his job as an educator to become a priest in the Chicago area. He entered the seminary in 1974 wanting to serve the gospels more fully than his prior career as a teacher and principal. David Byrne grew up in Chicago. His father was killed during World War II. He attended Campion boarding grade and high school then went on to John Carroll University where he received his BS in social sciences in 1964. In 1968 he received his MS in education administration. In the 1970's he was principal at St. Victor's in Calumet City. At that time he was active in the National Catholic Educational Association until 1978 when he was ordained.

After he was ordained his mission was to spread the good news and he shared his priesthood for 26 years. The scriptural word greatly impacted his life and he lived it with the various pastoral ministries at Most Holy Redeemer, in Evergreen Park, (his first assignment). I fondly remember great bible classes with him. He moved on to St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Oak Lawn as associate pastor where he had special responsibilities for school matters. In most of the 1990's Fr. Byrne served as Pastor of St. Bernadette in Evergreen Park. While there he was also the director of the Center for Pastoral Ministry, which provided ongoing education for priests. As part of that ministry he planned pilgrimages to Israel and other places. He really was able to make the scriptures alive for many travelers. As



Rev. David Byrne

a "late" bloomer to the clergy, he knew how to minister to the singles community and founded SAS that is still in operations for single Catholic adults. He was a great dancer and social and made many friendships besides his dear mother Jo and the many cousins and extended family. Fr. Byrne's pastoral ministry ended at Incarnation in Palos Heights until his death. Fr David Byrne impacted the lives of many in the southwestern suburbs. We will all miss his

McDonald-Linn VFW holds ceremony



Chicago Ridge McDonald-Linn VFW Post 177 held a Memorial Day service at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Saturday, May 29th by placing American flags and poppy adorned crosses in the veterans section of the cemetery.

In a very moving service, prayers were said by Post Chaplain Bill Stefanu.

The service was attended by members of VFW Post 177 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

wonderful homilies and humor (Marijo Doody)

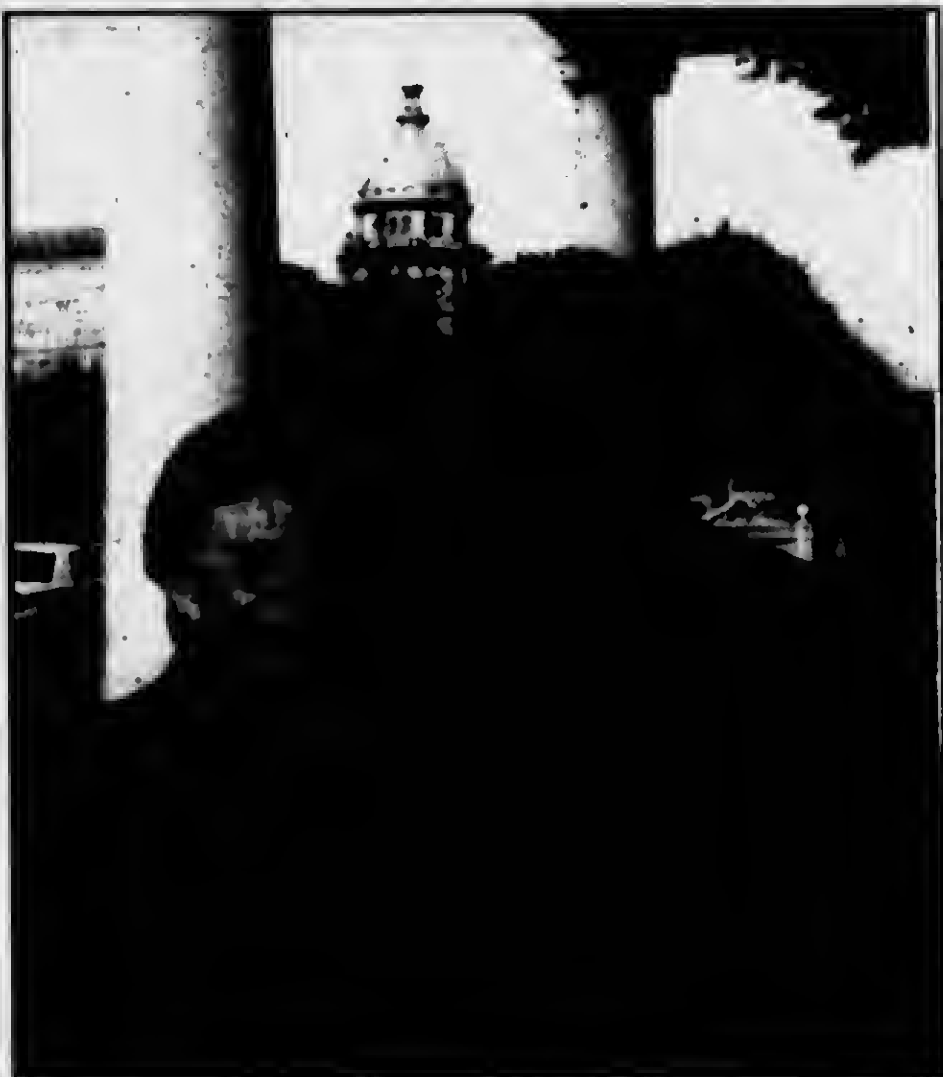
Pictured are as follows: Left to right Debbie Muth, Peg Wolforth, Elaine Buck, Peter Buck, John Swan, Paul Lysik, John Nasakaitis, Commander Paul Marietta, Bill Stefanu, Joe Carvelli, Jean Marietta, and Mildred Mathieu. Not pictured: Bill Muth, Joe Okroi, and Carla Kirkland.

OL events

The Oak Lawn Special Events Commission is sponsoring a BBQ Cook-Off Contest Sunday, July 18. Only 30 slots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Residents only (no restaurants) are eligible to compete.

There is a \$25 entry fee and aprons, prizes and a trophy will be awarded for the ribs with a special award for the "Most Colorful Group". Ribs will be judged on taste, aroma and appearance. Applications are available in the Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. The "Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band" will perform on the Village Green from 7-10pm on the same day. Please bring a chair or a blanket to enjoy the entertainment on the Village Green.

For more information, please call Jayne Powers at 708 / 499-7738.



Rita visits with Patty Duke at Capitol

State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, stands with

American icon Patty Duke outside the House chamber during spring session. Duke, the award-winning multi-talented teen star wowed Broadway and movie audiences with her landmark role in "The Miracle Worker" before landing her own popular TV sitcom.

She went on to sing hit pop songs and star in the Valley of the Dolls. Duke visited the legislature at the onset of budget negotiations.

Lions club hold installation of officers

The Lions Club of Evergreen Park recently had their 2004-2005 installation of officers at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Officiating was District la Governor Austin D'Souza.

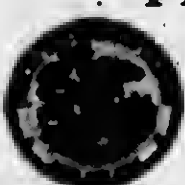
Officers are as follows: President, Don Sisto; Vice President, Terry Summers;



Lion Gov. Austin D'Souza installs Lion Don Sisto as President as outgoing President Tom Kress looks on.

Secretary, Gil Drucker; and Harry Onderwater as Lion Tamer.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July



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OLPD & OLFD Emergency response at mock traffic crash.

Oak Lawn Police shows mock traffic crash

With the coming of summer there is need for safe driving to be practiced. In late spring students from Oak Lawn High school assembled at the driver's education range. Two vehicles were set up in a mock collision. OLPD and OLFD units responded to the scene.

After emergency aid was finished for the mock crash ending, the following persons spoke: Fire Chief Moran, Police Chief Smith, Joe Wild-victim of a drunk driver, Asst. Principal Riordan and Mary Egan of OLCHS. The program was enacted in hopes of making young adults think twice about driving without alcohol and drugs.

"Summer's Here" emergency heat plan

Evergreen Park residents who experience problems coping with excessive heat can come to the air-conditioned Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. for relief.

The center is open from 9am to 10pm; Monday-Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm. We need to keep an eye on each other. Notify Jolene Churak at the Office of Citizens' Ser-

vices (422-8776).

The Center hosts the Evergreens meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. July 7 is Picnic in the auditorium (Tickets \$4) and August 4 an Ice cream Social (Tickets \$3). Annual dues are \$4 and with a meeting fee of \$1.25 per meeting for refreshments.

Soccer in Hickory Hills

Soccer time at Krueger Park is Wednesday through July 28th. for ages 6-8 and on Thursday for 9-11 years through July 29th. Games are 6pm or 7pm. Registration for the above programs is taken 8047 W 91st Pl. Hickory Hills. Call 708-598-1233. Fee is \$25 resident and \$30 non-resident.

The bus departs from Krueger Park for Taste of Chicago on Friday July 2 at 9:45am and returns 3:45pm. Fee is \$18 for transportation.

Village of Orland Park conducts special census this summer

Temporary full-time positions are available for census taking to document the increase in population. Village leaders estimate that 4500 residents have moved to the community since 2000. Orland Park Trustee Patricia Gira indicates they will be hiring office staff and enumerators for the duration of the duration of the census. Enumerators will go door to door interviewing residents for names, relationships, genders, ethnic origin, ages and race.

Applications are available at Orland Park's Owens Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave. call 708-403-6140.

Rev. Becker to speak at Aglow

her testimony.

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at the Oak Lawn Holiday Inn (room off lobby), 4140 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The featured speaker for July will be Rev. Joyce Becker, founder of Rejoice Ministries of America. Rev. Becker has previously spoken for several Aglow lighthouses, including this one, where she has shared

In 1975 God transformed her life. The last 27 years have been devoted to preaching, holding Healing Rallies, visiting Federal and State prisons to minister and she has led thousands to the Lord. As President of Rejoice School of Ministry, 45 ministers have been ordained who are now preaching and doing missionary work.

Rev. Becker is called a "Flaming Fire Evangelist" because the Lord works with

The Mount Greenwood Garden Club's monthly meeting will be Thursday, July 8th at 6:30 pm. at the Mount Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave. The Guest speaker is Dick Kress, a Master Gardener and a Roscarian. We always find his talks informative.

The Mount Greenwood Garden Club will present their annual garden walk July 25 from 10 am to 3 pm. At one of the gardens, Dick Kress will demonstrate propagating roses from cuttings. Tickets are \$7. For ticket information, come to the meeting or call Donna at 773-233-6121.

great power in her meetings. Now God has opened an E-Mail ministry where she sends sermons daily throughout the world.

Come and bring someone to hear how this new ministry is changing so many lives.

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30 pm at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 pm For reservations and/or additional information, please call June at (708) 424-1656.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.

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An official launch, at a 50-year celebration, of Park Lawn's Capitol Campaign hopes to raise \$3.6 million to redevelop one of the current residential properties-Park Lawn Center in Alsip.

For information on Park Lawn call the development office at 708-425-6867.

Oak Lawn High School hosts cancer walk

On June 4-5, students, friends, family, and cancer survivors alike partook in what was deemed a very successful Relay for Life cancer walk, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The evening began with an opening ceremony to welcome participants and guests. Part of the opening ceremony consists of all participating cancer sur-

vivors stating their names and thanking all participants, and then proceeding to complete a Victory Lap around track at Oak Lawn High School, marked by the release of scores of purple and white balloons.

Additionally, the Relay for Life committee members honored cancer survivors at their Survivor Dinner, which took place on May 27 at Oak

Lawn High School.

The event came to a solemn ending with the closing ceremony, where final thanks were given for everyone's participation.

This year, Oak Lawn Community High School raised over \$70,000 for the American Cancer Society. All proceeds raised from this event will be used toward cancer research, education, service, and advocacy.

Oak Lawn High School is only one of two schools in the region to partake in this annual event.

Seniors of Seton letter for Tinley Park Mental Health Center

The following letter to the editor was received from the Seniors of Seton who want to keep Tinley Park Mental Health Center open.

Stop!

Don't close Tinley Park Mental Health Center

Tinley Park Mental Health Center is a vital medical resource in our community. The most severely ill

patients who are often indigent because of disabilities need this facility. It is a safe haven for many of its patients from southern suburban area and is within easy access by the families of these patients. Entering them in a state hospital in the western or northern suburbs is not conducive to recovery

With medical care and

support, these patients can recover and lead normal productive lives. Please consider our less fortunate brothers and sisters and help in their recovery by keeping the Tinley Park Mental Health Center open.

Submitted by
Comfort and Care Committee; Eileen McGrath, BS, RN-Chairman

Walgreens Home Care Division adds E-referrals

The home care division of Walgreens Health Initiatives (WHI) recently announced the addition of electronic referrals to the many client- and patient-focused features of its enhanced web site, www.walgreenshomecare.com.

The new e-Referral forms for infusion services and home medical equipment/respiratory services offer a fast, convenient, confidential and secure tool for healthcare professionals.

"It's all about offering choice and convenience," said Mark Flexsenhar, WHI vice president of Home Care

Sales. "Now our clients have access to both traditional and electronic referral methods- whichever best suits their needs."

As an added service, WHI provides a web start-up kit with password and instructions to each qualified referral source, along with personal training as needed.

WHI's home care division also launched the premiere issue of HC Spectrum, its quarterly e-newsletter designed for busy healthcare professionals. The quick-

read publication communicates home care industry updates, information about Walgreens Home Care products and services, recent research and case studies.

Walgreens Home Care currently operates accredited home care facilities in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico, Texas and Wisconsin.

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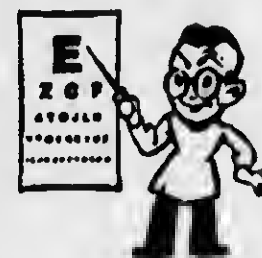
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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for June 29th thru July 5th: I use Numerology with Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include all of the information coming from "Numi")...go to TheDailyPsychic.Com and also visit JackiMari.Com & Sherlockjacki.com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: It's time to think about ways to make more money. You'll come up with good ideas that will work out well. C/K and R involved.

Numi says: The message is short but should be paid attention to - do not stop the praying.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Money is the issue, but some form of "consolidating" is needed. You should think about doing some traveling too. F helps-ask.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You can't "make" someone do the right thing, they have to want to. This is why the "want to" makes sense, right? Sure! R aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You are walking on thin ice with someone who seems to want to challenge you. Don't let them get the upper hand. An H helps.

Numi says: 5 minutes from now have not happened yet, stay in the now at all times.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Pray the prayer of wisdom. Know what you cannot change and change what you can about love matters. T helps too.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: There is someone calling to you from other dimensions. Pay attention! You have heavenly helpers. Someone M helps, ask.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: It seems that you cannot get a straight answer out of anyone! Hang in there, someone comes forward...Let P or M help.

Numi says: Help comes in strange but wonderful ways. You can depend on this.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: The cards of life are all "on the table" and you find yourself holding a winning hand. Relax. Enjoy...S aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: Sometimes you need an awful lot of convincing, especially about how much you are loved and needed! Okay! It's done! T aids.

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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights: Terrorism Prevention

We can have thousands of organized investigations into the "why" this or that terrible happening took place, such as 9/11, but there was no way to have prevented it! People with the "intent" to kill or cause chaos will find ways to do it, yes, even under the very noses of the authority on watch! Anyone can protest and/or find fault (after the fact), but few, if any, finger pointers ever have had any real solutions for dealing with terrorism. The press loves to point fingers at whomever is in charge, then gleefully or silently walk away from an issue once the frenzy has begun. No administration can prevent terrorism, they can only learn how to effectively deal with it "after it happens." If nothing catastrophic happens, it cannot be defined as terrorism, because terrorism has to happen to be interpreted as terrorism. I said it many times, the terrorists not only want us to give in to their demands, they want us to "thank them on our knees" for terrorizing us. Only an imbecile waits till a terrorist comes knocking on their door!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Play it Safe from Poison

Illinois Poison Center experts warn of dangers from toxic plants, mushrooms and more

Toxic plants can cause serious harm to people and pets, Illinois Poison Center (IPC) experts warn. As preparation for the spring planting season begins, the IPC urges gardeners and homeowners to use caution when selecting plants, trees and shrubs for their yards.

"Many people choose plants, shrubs and trees for their gardens and landscaping without knowing that they could be poisonous to their family and pets," said Dr. Michael Wahl, managing medical director, IPC. "The IPC recommends that homeowners first find out which plants are potentially toxic to make an informed decision about using such plants in or around the home."

While many plants are toxic, some of the most popular plants used in landscaping can be poisonous, which include Lily-of-the-Valley, azalea, rhododendron, amaryllis, foxglove, morning glory and buckeye.

Prevent Poisonings from Toxic Plants

The best way to protect family members from an accidental poisoning is to practice poison prevention. Experts recommend the following:

- Keep all houseplants out of children's reach.
- Teach children never to put mushrooms, berries or any part of a plant (including leaves, flowers, stems, bulbs or seeds) into their mouths.

ing leaves, flowers, stems, bulbs or seeds) into their mouths.

- Know the names of all plants in and around the house. Label each plant with the correct common and botanical name. Consult a local greenhouse, nursery or florist to identify unknown plants.

- Consult the IPC's toxic plant list to find out which plants may be poisonous.

- Consider uprooting poisonous plants; replace them with plants that are non-toxic.

- Do not assume a plant is safe because birds or wildlife eat it. Some plants that birds and wildlife eat can be extremely dangerous to human beings.

- Post the IPC phone number (1-800-222-1222) on or near all telephones, and in other convenient locations.

Symptoms of Plant Poisoning

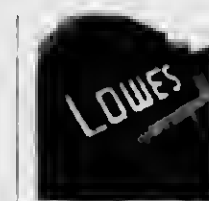
Symptoms of plant poisoning vary depending on the type of plant involved. Some plants can cause skin rash or irritation, which may be serious and painful. Other plants, if eaten, can cause vomiting or diarrhea. Exposure to a small amount of some plants may cause more serious problems with the heart, kidneys or other organs. Some plants may even result in death. People should call the Illinois Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 immediately if a plant poisoning is suspected.

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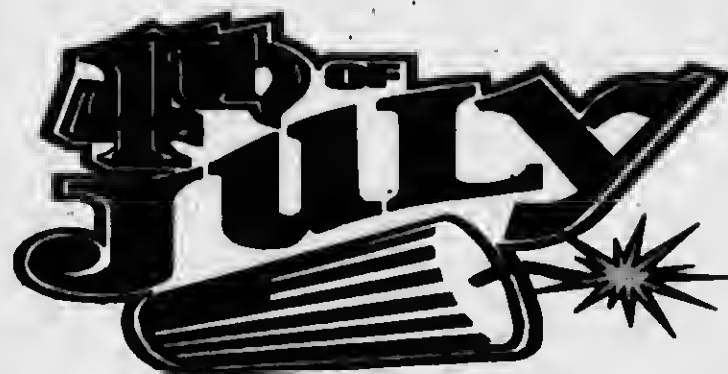
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The house was built in the late 1800's and it was called "Forest Green Farm". It's located in Leavenworth, Indiana, which is now a quaint river town with beautiful views of the Ohio River.



Canoeing on the Blue River, Indiana's first designated scenic river.

The Breeden family Russell and Annabelle bought it in 1958. In 1997, the country inn overlooking the Ohio River, along with two beautifully renovated turn of the century homes, are operated by the sons of the Breeden Family. Douglas and Josie Breeden now own the Inn and Roberta Breeden was the decorator. Room rates are \$84 to \$130 per night, which includes a \$10 breakfast coupon to their Overlook Restaurant, which Annabelle still operates.

Traveling can be fun with minimal stops for bathroom and gas. Normally it would take six to seven hours to drive to Spencer County, Indiana from Oak Lawn, Illinois to Santa Claus, Indiana, but when you travel from Champaign, Illinois it would only take four hours.

Why would one want to travel seven hours and spend \$1.89 per gallon for gas, well here are more than five good

"Forging Greatness-Lincoln in Indiana. Learn about the life of Abraham Lincoln and his family from 1816 to 1830.



Beast, resident of Buffalo Run Grill and Gifts is the most popular Buffalo who also has a ferocious appetite.

At Buffalo Run Grill and Gift there will be an added attraction, which is a historic site where Abraham Lincoln's cousin Dennis Hanks once lived. The Dennis Hanks Memorial Museum will house Native American artifacts. It is reported that young Abe attended a local school which is Blab school while living in Indiana. There is a 19th century one room log cabin rebuilt with its original logs behind the Buffalo Run Grill and adjacent to the legendary Lincoln Cabin on the property.

If you haven't had lunch, the Grill is open for lunch and dinner. Call Kathleen at 812-937-2799.

What can be more fun than enjoying a hot day at Splashin' Safari, with Jungle

Arizona rocks with National Parks & Forests in northern Arizona

The Arizona Rocks communities of Flagstaff, Page and Williams in northern Arizona are surrounded by one of the highest concentrations of National Parks, Monuments and National Forests in the entire United States. Visitors to these communities have long enjoyed the benefits of affordable accommodations and super close proximity to some of the most beautiful national treasures in our country. From forests to lakes to high desert landscape, their awe-inspiring panoramas are a photographer's haven and information on travel throughout the region is available at

Jets that can accommodate 800 guests at a time or floating down the Congo River. At Holiday Park adjoining Splashin' Safari, both parks will bring a spark in your stride. There couldn't be more fun even for seniors than at these two parks. Free unlimited soft drinks are available at selected sites and also many snacks shops. Before swimming, if you forgot your sunscreen lotion, never fear sunscreen lotion is now free to all visitors at entrance to Splashin' Safari Water Park. For more information call 1-877-GoFamily or www.holidayworld.com



Riding the new Legend roller coaster in Holiday Park is great for seven year old.

ArizonaRocks.com

The community of Williams has the registered name "Gateway to the Grand Canyon". The motor hotels that grew up on historic Route 66 in downtown Williams have blossomed into a full scale lodging community for the Grand Canyon. The Canyon is just up state Highway 64 or you can hop on the daily train-departures aboard the Grand Canyon Railway. However you get there, you won't be disappointed. Hiking, airtours, river rafting, horseback riding, Ranger interpretive programs, guided tours or just sitting on the rim enjoying the majesty of the grandest canyon of them all...there's something for everyone at the Grand Canyon.

Less well known to travelers is the beauty of the Kaibab National Forest that covers Bill Williams Mountain and rises above the little Route 66 town of Williams. Stop in the historic train station to the combined Williams & Forest Service Visitors Center to pick up maps to out-of-the-way hikes nestled in the forest. You can even drive a forest road to the fire tower and, if you're brave enough, climb to the top and see all the way to the Grand Canyon!

Just down the road to the south and east of the Grand Canyon is the historic mountain town of Flagstaff situated in the world's largest ponderosa pine forest at the base of the 12,633-foot-high Humphreys Peak (the highest point in Arizona). This is the Coconino National Forest where winter will find downhill skiers on the slopes of the Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort, spring brings wild flower seekers and hikers love the trails including favorites like the Hart Prairie loop.

To the east of town just off state Highway 89 Wupatki National Monument and Sunset Crater Volcano — National Monument are located nearly side-by-side. First occupied in 1100 A.D., Wupatki National Monument was once home to the farmers and traders of the Anasazi and Sinagua people. The Monument has a visitors center with interpretive programs and self-guided walks take you through ancient dwellings including several pueblo-style structures and a

large open-air amphitheater. Nearby is Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument. It last erupted in 1180 A.D., leaving behind incredible lava flows and a beautiful crater that can be seen for miles. The view of aspen trees growing out of the massive lava boulders is extraordinary.

Walnut Canyon National Monument is just east of Flagstaff off Interstate 40. Hike down into Walnut Canyon and you walk in the footsteps of the people that lived here over 900 years ago. The historic single story structures and cliff dwellings were occupied from about 1100 to 1250. And it is a sacred place. The people that lived here moved on to become the modern pueblo people of today. Walnut Canyon is one of their ancestral homes.

Follow Highway 89 north on your way to Page, Arizona through the vast open lands of the Navajo Nation and join the course of the Colorado River and you will come to Lee's Ferry, named for and settled by Mormon John D. Lee who established the first Colorado River crossing at this site. It is an incredible feeling to walk to water's edge at Lee's Ferry and feel the power and majesty of the Colorado. A stone fort, built in 1874 as a result of unrest between area Navajo and settlers and a trading post constructed around 1913 still stand. Lee's Ferry is the location that half day-rafting tours land after their journey through the majestic Marble Canyon stretch of the Colorado River. Those smooth water trips begin on the outskirts of Page at the base of the Glen Canyon Dam, March through October.

For more information about travel in the Arizona Rocks region of northern Arizona, visit www.ArizonaRocks.com where you will find links to each community and an information rich menu of accommodations, things-to-do, itineraries, weather, guided tours, calendar of events and much, much more. By phone call 1.800.842.7293 for Flagstaff information, 1.800.863.0546 for the Williams Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce, and 1.888.261.PAGE for the Page Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library

Announce Annual Membership Drive

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are now accepting new members and renewals for their 2004-2005 membership year. The fee is \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. The benefits of membership are news updates from the Friends and discounts on most trip tickets. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Desk and via the Friends web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm).

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Each year, between 500 to 800 people join the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library. Their membership year runs June 1 through May 31.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, 708-422-4990.

Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing requests

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is now seeking hole sponsorships, raffle prize donations and volunteers for their July 14 annual golf outing fund raiser at Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn. For more information, call the Chamber Office, 708-424-8300.

Play it Safe from Poison

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First Aid for Plant Poisonings

- In the mouth: Remove any plant parts from the victim's mouth. Give a small amount of water to the victim to rinse out any remaining plant pieces.

- On the skin: Immediately wash any skin exposed to the plant with soap and water. Remove any clothing that touched the plant.

- In the eyes: Rinse eyes with lukewarm water for 15 minutes.

Other Poisoning Hazards

- Mushrooms: Many varieties of wild mushrooms can be toxic. Because it can be difficult to tell the edible varieties apart from those that are toxic, the IPC advises against picking and eating any wild mushrooms.

- Lawn care products: Fertilizers can irritate the skin and stomach.

Fertilizers, like all potential poisons, should be kept out of the reach of children. After using fertilizer, make sure everyone, including pets, stays off the applied area for two days, or until it rains.

- Pesticides: Pesticides also are dangerous poisoning

hazards, and are likely to be more toxic than lawn fertilizers. Pesticide poisonings can occur when people mix or dilute the pesticide, or breathe in some of the pesticide during application to plants and lawns. The IPC suggests wearing protective clothing when applying pesticides (gloves, glasses, long sleeves and pants). Do not apply pesticides outdoors on a windy day and keep children and pets away during pesticide application and until the product dries, or as directed on the label. Always store pesticides in the original containers, complete with labels that list ingredients, directions for use and first-aid steps in case of an accidental poisoning.

Consumers and health care professionals can obtain free poison prevention advice and treatment recommendations via the IPC's toll-free hot line, 1-800-222-1222. The IPC also publishes a toxic plant list, which is available to all Illinois residents on the IPC's Web site at www.IllinoisPoisonCenter.org

or by calling the hot line. Poison center experts also can provide information about

plants that are not included on the toxic plant list; individuals should be prepared to give either the plant's common or botanical name.

The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) is the only certified, regional poison center in Illinois, serving more than 12 million residents in 102 counties - 24 hours a day, 365 days a year - via a national, toll-free number, 1-800-222-1222. Calling the toll-free hot line will connect callers with their designated local poison center at any time from anywhere in the United States; all calls placed in Illinois are routed to the IPC. Staffed by pharmacists, physicians, nurses and poison information providers, the IPC provides poison prevention information and treatment advice to the public and health care professionals on household products, alcohol or drug misuse, medication problems, bites and stings, occupational accidents and other poisonings.

The IPC is a program of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, an association of more than 140 hospitals and health care organizations working together to improve the quality of health care services in the Chicago area.

Young at Heart Singles Club

We are a club that is for age 55 and over, ladies are to dress semi dressy to dressy, and men are to wear sport jackets or suits, ties are not required, but jeans are not allowed. Members are \$6.00 and guest are \$7.00. All our dances are from 8:30 to 11:30 PM. Our hotline number is (630) 415-3449 and for more information on how to get to the dances, please call (630) 894-4498.

Friday July 2nd, Dance, American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, IL. The band will be The Music Men.

Saturday July 3rd, Dance, American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, IL. The band will be Ken Jandis.

Friday July 9th, Dance, 8601 W. Fullerton, River Grove, IL. The band will be The Variety Pak.

Saturday July 10th, Dance, The Elks Club, 472 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL. The band will be The Music Men.

Friday July 16th, Dance, American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, IL. The band will be Ken Jandis.

Saturday July 17th, No dance

Friday July 23rd, Dance, 8601 W. Fullerton, Franklin Park, IL. The dance will be The Variety Pak.

Saturday July 24th, Theme dance, "HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD" held at the VFW Hall, 16th and Harlem, Berwyn, IL. The band will be The Krystalites.

Friday July 30th, Dance, American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, IL. The band will be The Krystalites.

Saturday July 31st, Dance, American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, IL. The band will be The Variety Pak.

On Track Singles meet

July 10th, Saturday, PALOS HILLS FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL, 4:30 P.M.

Leave St. Mary's south parking lot at 4:30 p.m. and we head over to Moraine Valley Community College at 107th and 88th Ave. in Palos Hills. For more info or to register, call Carol at 708-974-1163 or Lucy at 773-778-8239.

Announcing: Theology-on-Tap 2004!

From Sun July 11 - August 8, thousands of young adults will participate in the 24th season of great talks, conversation, and spiritual growth. Various parishes in 6 local dioceses hosted the finest in speakers, conversation and theology on Sun, Mon, Tues and Wed evenings. The program will come to a close for the summer when nearly 1000 young adults gather for mass at Holy Name Cathedral led by Cardinal George, followed by a picnic at his residence. For times and locations for this popular and informative series, call 312-466-9473 or log on to www.yamchicago.org.

July 12th, Monday, GENERAL MEETING/PLANNING MEETING, 7:30 P.M.

First, we'll meet at St. Mary's Duggan Hall off the North parking lot. We'll go over the upcoming events, plan the next two months' activities, and sign up for the events already planned. Then we'll head on over to Vito and Nick's at 85th and Pulaski for food and drink. Contact John Bobek at 773-585-8242 for more information and to let us know who will go to the restaurant. This is also the deadline to purchase tickets for the Windy City Thunderbolts game!

July 24th, Saturday, ODYSSEY FUN WORLD, 3:00 P.M.

We liked this event so much we're going there again! We should be able to take advantage of the outdoor miniature golf and go-karts! Odyssey Fun World is located at 19111 S. Oak Park Ave. in Tinley Park. It has batting stations, and laser trek among other attractions. You can always find something to do and Connie's Pizza to eat. We leave at 3:00 p.m. from St. Mary's South Parking lot. Talk to John Bobek for more details or to sign up at 773-585-8242.

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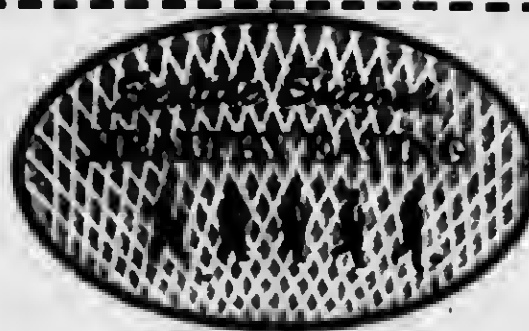
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FAREWELL MR. PRESIDENT



President Bush expressed the passing of our 40th president best when he said, "We lost Ronald Reagan only days ago but we have missed him for a long time."

It was a week spent eulogizing a kind, humorous, generous leader whose love of country was second only to the deep abiding love and fidelity he shared with his wife Nancy.

World leaders gathered to pay their respects to an American president whose sincere and gentle manner brought him world wide recognition as a valued commander and chief.

It was remembered that Ronald Reagan came into office just as the moral of this country was at an all time low.

There was much to be fearful of back in those days of nuclear threats and communism. With confidence and a quiet determination President Reagan ended the cold war, paving the way for political accord between opposing parties.

Listening to the eulogies, watching the wake and funeral of a great man and leader unfold, I couldn't help but compare the Reagan of yesterday with the Bush of today.

Both are confident leaders, fearless in their belief that America is the hope of the world. They both hold a strong belief in the power of prayer.

Reagan fought to free the world of communism and won. Bush is fighting with a tenacity to rid the world of terrorism. But Bush is also struggling against the political foes in this country and the infighting that's keeping us from standing united just may prove to be the damnation of a nation that the world once looked to for strength.

It is no longer communism that Americans fear but the tyrannical grip of terrorism that lurks not only outside our borders but inside them as well.

President Bush has his hands full. His no nonsense approach to winning this war leaves no room for melancholy compromise.

How can you reason with fanatics whose only goal is to cause death and destruction on a path to annihilating western civilization?

At a time when our enemies are shamelessly using our own laws against us, distorting our values, it's clear we need to rise up to the challenge and not abort our convictions.

I'll never forget the comment President Bush made after he was informed about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. He was advised not to return to the White House. He replied that no tin horn terrorist was going to keep him away. He didn't hide or flinch from the terror. He joined the firemen and policemen at Ground Zero and promised to bring the evil doers to justice.

That's just the kind of remark you would've also expected from Ronald Reagan. He was sincere about it then, I believe he is astoundingly sincere about it today.

They say that the day President Reagan was sworn in the skies were blue and the sun shone bright and hopeful.

On the day he was laid to rest the skies were gloomy gray and the drizzle of rain continued to fall throughout the service.

I wonder if this was in some small way our 40th president's final farewell message to the country he loved so much.

The power of prayer is being challenged in this very same country that was built on Christianity.

There is a tug of war for the soul of America and if we're not careful, the confidence and moral this great land needs to survive will be swallowed up in self-effacing rhetoric of those who seem to be in denial of what we're up against.

A videotaped eulogy from Margaret Thatcher gives a noble and honest account of President Reagan's intentions:

"He sought to mend America's wounded spirit; to restore the strength of the free world and to free the slaves of communism. These were causes hard to accomplish and heavy with risk."

Those very sentiments could be used today in reference to what's in the heart of President George W. Bush, except, of course, substituting terrorism for communism.

Someday, maybe when the war on terrorism is won and we can once again live without the barbaric threat of homicide bombers inflicting anarchy in the world, we'll be able to hold our heads up high and, with a hand resting on our patriotic hearts, we'll proudly recite the Pledge of Allegiance, ever thankful that we are, and always will be, one nation under God with liberty and justice for all.

Young Volunteers Recognized

The fourth annual Kohl's Kids Who Care Volunteer Program honors local youth for making a difference.

More than 1000 young persons from Northeastern Illinois were recognized and received a \$50 Kohl's gift card and a certificate of recognition.

Local youth recognized are Chris Fryzek, 18, of Hickory Hills who volunteered at community soup kitchens and nursing homes, Brandon Kapelinski, 8, of Oak Lawn who created a fundraiser to benefit Schachman Diamond Foundation, Jenny Fronczek, 9, of Orland Park who participated in a book drive to benefit a local children's hospital and Andrew Skoda, 11, of Palos Heights who raised money for Children's Brain Tumor Clinic.

BI Festival scheduled

Blue Island Park District's annual Festival in the Park sponsored by Refining Scrap Iron and Metal Company will be held July 7 through July 11 at Memorial Park, 12804 Highland Ave, Blue Island. Fireworks are on Sunday at 9pm. Hours are 5-11pm on Wed and Thurs., 5-midnight Fri, Sat. 12 to 12 and Sunday 12 to 11pm.

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99th Street Summer Festival presents Sound of Music

The 99th Street Summer Festival presents Sound of Music in the McAuley Auditorium July 8-10th. This year three generations from one family are in the show, Matthew, Barbara and Jim Gibson and grandmother Jeannette Pach. Jim Richards who appeared in many shows will see his daughters Brianna and Katelyn perform.

Three McAuley teachers join the cast including Music and theater teachers, Julie McKee and Tarah Karczewski and school nurse, Sr. Nancy Swanson. Other local area Church Music Directors Mike Carso, Terry Lenz, and Patrick Mooney lead the music and Church music director, Mary O'Neill appears in the show as a nun.

The 99th Street Summer Theater Festival Kids Kamp begins its 12th season. Three hundred and fifty students are enrolled that offer classes in music, acting, improv, dance, storytelling and creative drama.

New York actors Scott Sowinski, Michael Gutrich and Jacquelyn Landgraf came home to teach at the summer camp.

The box office is 3737 W 99th St. Chicago and the number is 773-880-6512.

Subway series begins

Chicago baseball is in full swing and the Subway Restaurants are making the rivalry more heated than before! Two new customized sandwiches will join the menu board through July 4, 2004. Cub and Sox fans can vote for their favorite by purchasing. The winning manager Ozzie Guillen or Dusty Baker who customized the sandwich will receive \$5000 for the charity of his choice. Let's go Sox's. Subway is a registered trademark of Doctor's Associates Inc.



Photo: (Graduates with mortar board hats) Marv Smith-Evergreen Park, Jerry Jablonski-Frankfort, Hazel Conroyd-Tinley Park, Harry Felton-Evergreen Park, Alice Travnik-Oak Lawn, Hank Leestra-Chicago. -Bill Watt-Palos Heights; Elmer Heuer-Tinley Park, John Borglin-Bridgeview, Dave Sutton-caller-Willow Springs.

Swing'n Sugar Squares hold graduation

Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club of Evergreen Park held graduation ceremonies for five parties who have completed the Mainstream and Plus lessons of square dancing. EP Department of Recreation has conducted square dancing for 22 years. Summer workshop classes will be held at the Community Center, located 3450 W. 97th St. on Thursday evenings through Aug 26 except July 1 and 22.

Summer Wedding Faire and Fashion Show at OL Hilton

On Wednesday July 7th three salons will be showing their latest bridal attire. The Tone Productions, Oak Lawn, will provide music. Doors open at 5:30pm and the fashion show is at 8pm. French designer, Catherine Puget, designer of European Royalty, will be making her first appearance at the Hilton, Oak Lawn.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with more than fifty exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for door prizes; enjoy cheese and champagne when you tour the hotel suites and Tower Room. An express menu will be available in Whitney's from 4 to 6pm.

Chicago Auditorium Theater places third

Chicago's Auditorium Theater places third in the "Protecting America's Campaign," an initiative created by Scotchgard from 3M and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Theater will receive a cleaning and treatment from Scotchgard brand protectors. More than 100 years ago, famous architects Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler designed the Chicago Auditorium that opened in 1889; its architectural ingenuity, perfect acoustics, technical versatility and sight-lines are internationally revered. Both major corporations were pleased that so many people cared about preserving and protecting our nation's historic treasures.

Lava Lava Island Fun!

Trinity Lutheran Church of Oak Lawn will be holding Summer Sunday School on Sunday, July 11 from 9:30-10:15. Our theme is Lava Lava Island overflowing with fun! You'll discover exciting



Friends of the Chicago River invites all

Friends of the Chicago River names 2004 River Adopters and invites all to check your Chicago River IQ. This is a lesson in history and river economics. Established by a grand from The Boeing Company, Adopt A River Downtown is a new program developed to improve the Chicago River and raise its profile through comprehensive river-edge greening efforts, cultural and educational programming and long term planning.

June is National Rivers Awareness Month. The Chicago River IQ visitors will be offered the quiz and an opportunity to enter a raffle to win river-selected prizes (boat rides, dining hotel stays etc).

To join as a river adopter call 312-939-0490 x 22.

Bible adventures, make cool crafts, eat fun food snacks, sing super songs, and play awesome games!

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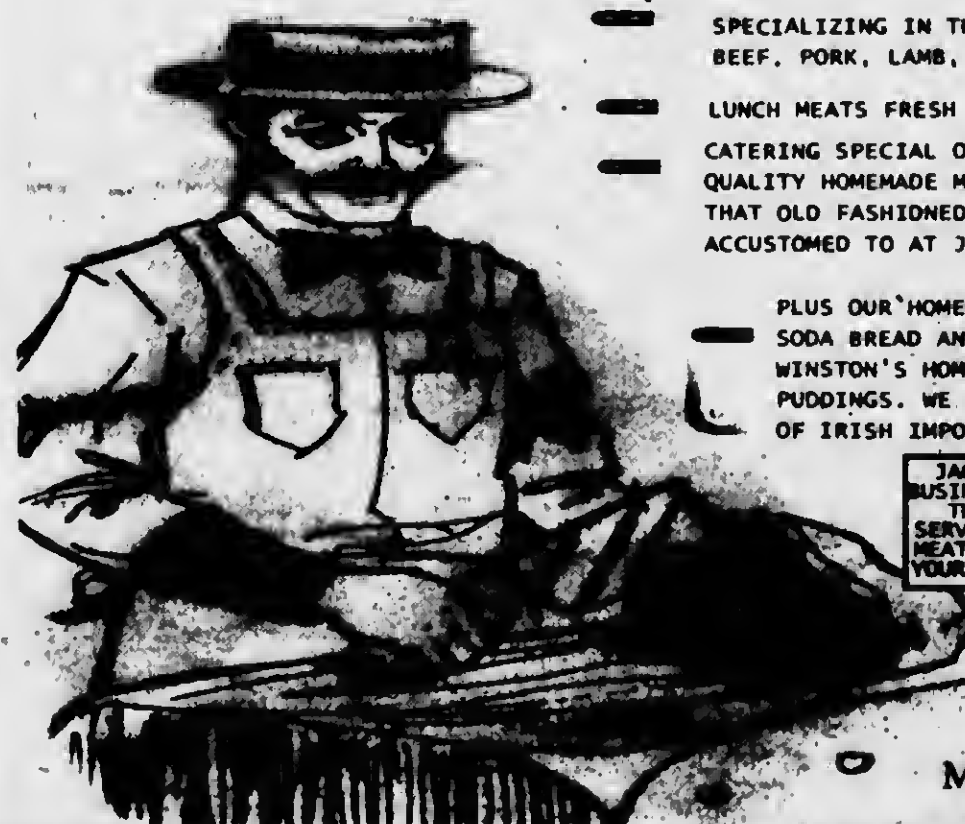
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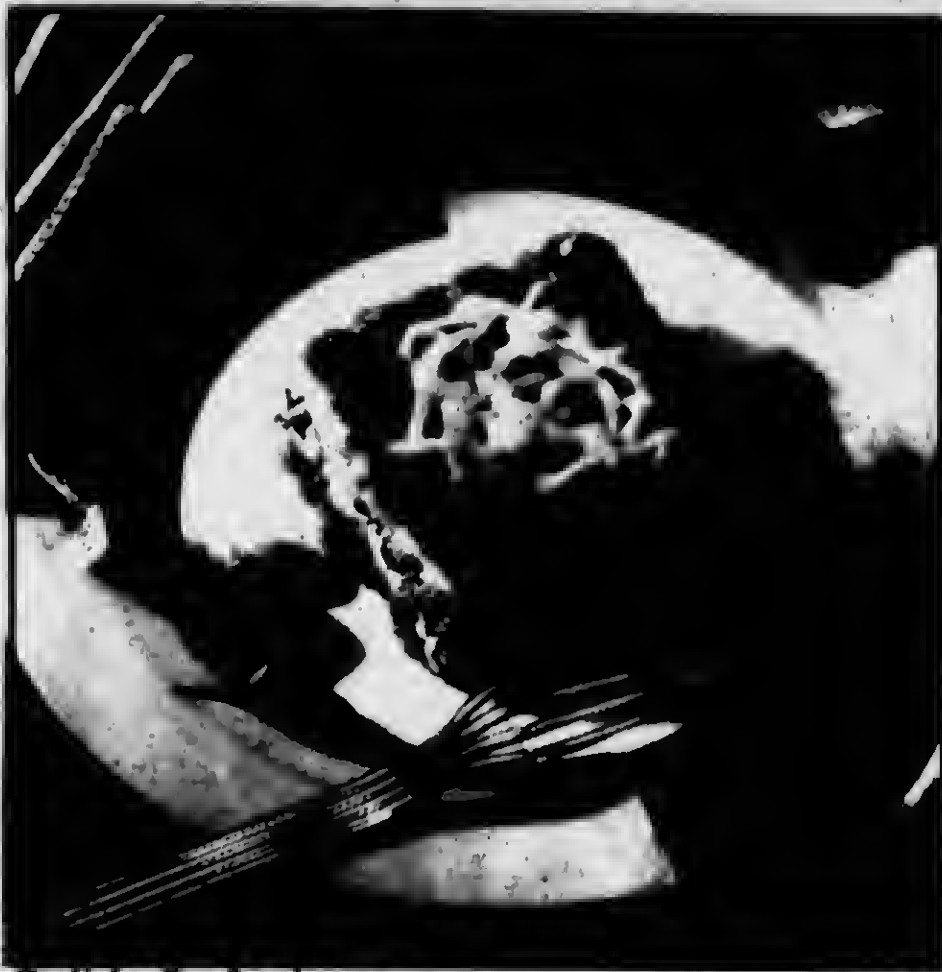
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Garlicky beef and pasta

1 pound beef round tips cut into 1/4-inch pieces.
1 1/2 cups uncooked spiral pasta (rotini)
vegetable cooking spray 2 cloves crushed garlic
1/2 tsp salt dash of black pepper
1 tbs water
2 cups frozen cut green beans
1/2 cup jarred brown beef gravy

Cook pasta. Keep warm. Stack beef cubes. Spray large non-stick pan and add beef and garlic. Stir-fry 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from pan. In same pan heat water until hot. Add green beans and cook 4 minutes until tender. Stir in gravy and pasta. Heat through. Return beef to pan and toss to combine.

Two more family favorites

Hot artichoke and sun-dried tomato dip

1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup sour cream 1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
2 cups Swiss cheese, shredded
1 14-ounce can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1/4 tsp garlic powder and hot pepper sauce

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Stir all ingredients together except parsley and crackers which you will use to dip. Spoon into 9-inch oven proof shallow dish. Bake for 22 to 26 minutes and sprinkle with parsley. Serve with crackers of your choice.

Anita's kitchen favorites

By Anita Anderson

Shrimp Creole

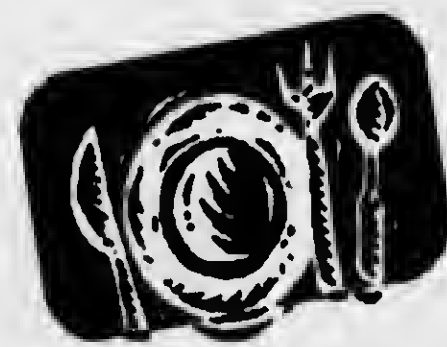
1 green pepper	1 medium onion
1/2 lb. Fresh mushrooms	1/3 cup butter or oleo
3 tbs. Flour	1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper	1 1/2 tsp chili powder
1 large can tomatoes	1 1/2 lb. Cooked shrimp
minced parsley	

Saute onion, mushrooms and green pepper in butter. Blend in flour and seasonings. Add tomatoes; cook and stir. Add shrimp, simmer for 10 minutes. Garnish with parsley. Serve over rice. Serves 6.

Sour Cream Chocolate Cake

2 1/2 cup cake flour	1/2 cup cocoa
1 tsp salt	3/4 cup butter
2 cups sugar	2 eggs
2 tsp baking soda	1 cups sour cream
1 tsp vanilla	
1 cup boiling water	

Sift flour, cocoa and salt. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time. Mix soda into sour cream. Add to batter with flour mixture. Add vanilla and slowly stir in boiling water. Bake in greased 13 x 9 pan for 40 minutes at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes.



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Schools open during summer for parents to verify residency

All parents of students who will enroll in District 218 schools for the 2004-2005 school year must present documentation of residency prior to the start of the coming school year. District staff will be available during the summer, including several evenings, for parents to verify residency status.

The Board of Education passed a policy change May 11 that requires all parents to provide proof of residency for any child who will enroll in District 218 for the coming school year. In the past, only parents of students new to the district or whose home address came into question were asked to verify their residency. This year the district began checking addresses of incoming freshmen.

Now parents of all current and incoming students will need to supply proof of residency over the summer months. Parents must present two different and original (no photo copies) utility bills and one of the following: driver's license or state identification card displaying current address.

If parents fail to verify residency during the summer, the district will drop their student's class schedule. They would then need to meet with a counselor to re-register.

Board members passed the policy change to avoid the high cost of educating non-resident students.

Days and hours when parents may document their residency status differ by school. For summer 2004, parents may present documentation on the following days and times:

Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento, Blue Island: Monday through Thursday, June 14 to July 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evening hours will be Tuesday, June 22, Tuesday, July 6, and Wednesday, July 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Harold L. Richards High School, 10600 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn: Monday-Thursday, June 14 to July 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evening hours and dates are Tuesday, June 29, Tuesday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 27 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights: Evening hours are Tuesday, June 22, Wednesday, July 7, and Wednesday, July 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Parents of students enrolled at ASPEN High School and Summit Learning Center may verify their residency at registration on August 10, 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. each day.

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. Many different graduating classes will be represented.

If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.

Moraine Valley to host summer soccer camp

Moraine Valley Community College will host a summer soccer camp for girls and boys entering second through eighth grades. The camp will be structured to assist campers in their individual development while making it enjoyable for everyone.

The camp will take place Monday, July 12, through Thursday, July 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. on the college's soccer field, located on campus at 10900 S. 88th Avenue in Palos Hills. The cost is \$75 per person and includes a camp T-shirt. Reservations are limited, so please register early.

The camp will be under the direction of Jim Harkness, now in his sixth year on Moraine Valley's soccer coaching staff. His 2003 team, 16-5, won the NJCAA Region IV title,

and Harkness was named Region IV Coach of the Year for his second consecutive year. In addition, Harkness played professional soccer in the United States and internationally for seven years. He also was an assistant coach at Brother Rice High School for four years and has coached players of all ages in the Chicago area through camps and team and individual training.

For more information, call the Moraine Valley Athletics Department at (708)-974-5727 or visit the college's Athletics website, www.morainevalley.edu/athletics.



Amanda Gerstner of Evergreen Park receives congratulations from John J. Daley, secretary of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees, after being sworn in as student trustee. Sandra S. Wagner, board chairman, looks on.

Moraine Valley Student Trustee calls for student involvement

Amanda Gerstner, student trustee at Moraine Valley Community College, thinks too many of her fellow students are not getting all they can from their college experience, so she is out to change all that.

Gerstner of Evergreen Park was sworn in April 21 as a student trustee, succeeding Casey Banks of Orland Park after the completion of the one-

year term. Gerstner and her twin sister, Rebecca, continue a family tradition of attending Moraine Valley. Her older sister, Lauren, and an uncle, Len Gerstner, attended the college, and her mother, Mary Claire Gerstner, is also taking classes. In fact, Lauren provided the spark for Amanda's desire to

become actively involved in Moraine Valley student activities. "My sister was not involved, and I wanted more out of my college experience than just attending classes like most traditional-aged students. It's important that they know more about Moraine Valley than just their classes. They need to find an area where they can grow," Gerstner stated. She believes she can help in that regard.

As student trustee for the 2004-05 academic year, Gerstner wants to talk with campus clubs and organizations to see how they can increase membership and then get their members to participate actively. She already has some insight in this area. She will also serve in 2004-05 as vice president of Inside Fellowship for the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. She will act as a liaison with all organizations on campus. She also is a member of the Student Government Association and a writer for the *Glacier*, Moraine Valley's student newspaper. As trustee, she will write a column for the paper relating to her work as a trustee.

Gerstner, who is in the college's phlebotomy program, also wants to start a project to get students to register to vote. "I will talk with all clubs to get them to

help. I'd like to talk with our speech instructors to see if they can get students to do their speeches on the importance of voting. I don't think young people realize that they have to be concerned about political affairs. Political decisions affect them more than they know," she said.

That was one of the reasons she sought the office of student trustee. Being actively involved in Phi Theta Kappa gave her many experiences and was helpful, but she wants to gain more leadership experience. Former student trustee Banks discussed with her how much he had gained from his year on the Board of Trustees, and "I want those same experiences," Gerstner said.

As student trustee, Gerstner reports at board meetings on student activities and accomplishments and then reports back to the student body on board action. She also serves as an Illinois Community College Board student representative. She will attend Illinois College Trustees Association meetings in Chicago and Springfield and take part in Lobby Days at the state and federal levels. "I want to make a difference. I want to get more involved."

For more information, College and Community Relations Director Mark Horstmeier can be contacted by phone at (708)-974-5275.

St. Laurence High School recognized by Illinois State Board of Education

The Illinois State Board of Education annually sponsors the "Those Who Excel" Awards, honors individuals who have made significant contributions to Illinois public and private education.

This year, St. Laurence High School received honors in five categories acknowledging the superlative efforts and work of individuals in St. Laurence's school community. Mrs. Kathy Hynes, Assistant Principal, received an "Award of Appreciation" for her outstanding administrative service in secondary education. Dr. James Valek, Chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Laurence, also received an "Award of Appreciation" for his valuable work and leadership on the Board of Directors for the past nine years. Mrs. Marge Andresuinas, St. Laurence Director of the Printing and Publications Department, was a recipient of an "Award of Appreciation" for her years of service as support personnel at the school. An "Award of Recognition" was given to Mrs. Barbara Snidanko of the school maintenance department for her work in helping maintain a physical environment conducive to education and to the members of the St. Laurence Parents' Clubs who were commended for their continuous efforts in support of the students, faculty, and educational process.

Mr. Thomas Ondrla, St. Laurence High School President, commented that, "we are extremely proud of our recipients and are very honored the Illinois Board of Education has recognized these truly dedicated and committed people."

EP adult resident program

Summer reading fun is not just for kids! Readers high school age and older can "Explore the Reading Trail" at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy. Registration began June 1st. Read 5 books between June 1 and July 30 to receive a

premium and a chance in a drawing at the end of the program. Grand prize is a gift certificate to Chi Tung Restaurant.

Each summer reading participant will receive free lawn passes to select Ravinia concerts while supplies last.

Sir Andrew Davis renews contract with Lyric Opera

This month brought the announcement that music director Sir Andrew Davis renews contract with Lyric Opera of Chicago for a five year agreement. The Lyric Opera goal is to continue delighting, inspiring and moving our audiences and with Sir Andrew Davis we will enhance the reputation of the company as one of America's greatest cultural treasures.

Sir Andrew Davis, one of today's most highly regarded international conductors, has served as music director of Lyric Opera of Chicago since September of 2000.

Cerqua Rivera Jazz appears in Chicago

Cerqua Rivera Art experience will be performed at the Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago. The production features Chicago's own Johnny Frigo, Corky Siegel and Orbert Davis, on respectively violin, harmonica and trumpet. You get Jazz pie a moving slice of contemporary dance on stage at the Dance Center at 1306 S. Michigan on July 9 and 10 at 8pm. Call the box office at 312-344-8300. Tickets are \$25, \$17.50 seniors and students with ID's.

Summer in Chicago programs announced

Taste of Chicago runs through July 4th, 2004. Entertainment at the stage at Petrillo band shell includes The City of Chicago and WGCI, V-103 and WXRT, Melissa Etheridge, Peter Frampton, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo along with the Grant Park Orchestra in the Independence Eve fireworks display.

The Mayor's Office of Special Events encourages taking public transportation to all lakefront festivals.

Chicago's outdoor Film Festival will salute screen legends and celebrates the 75th anniversary of Mickey Mouse. Approximate show times are 8:07-8:45PM. Dates and films are July 13, His Girl Friday; July 20, The Birds; July 27, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington; Aug 3, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner; Aug 10, Invasion of the Body Snatchers; Aug 17, Roman Holiday and Aug 24, Guys and Dolls.

There is free bike Valet Parking at all films. No dogs are allowed at the Outdoor Film Festival.

The Blue Angels will headline the 46th annual Chicago Air and Water Show. This will take place Aug 21-22 along the lakefront from Fullerton to Oak Street, with North Avenue Beach as the focal point. The water show begins at 9am and the air show runs from 11am to 4pm both days. Public transportation is recommended.

Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University announced the 10th anniversary season performances including The National Touring Production of CATS, folk singer, Joan Baez, The Blind Boys of Alabama, Debbie Reynolds and The Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

North Michigan Avenue will be transformed into an outdoor art gallery for the 13th Annual Magnificent Mile Art Festival from July 9 to July 11. More than 200 of the nation's finest artisans will showcase their work from various mediums. Show times are 10am to 6pm on Friday and Saturday, and 10am to 5pm on Sunday. Admission is free. Chicago artist Laura Lee Junge will make her first appearance at the festival.

Eric Waugh will paint live at the Art Festival.

Festival location is on North Michigan Avenue at the Chicago Tribune Tower opposite the Wrigley Building and adjacent to the NBC building, WGN and the Chicago River. Public transportation is recommended.

Celebrate interplanetary independence this Fourth of July with the Far-Out-Forth Sonic-Vision ticket package for every party of four, buy three special tickets and the fourth goes free! This is available Independence Day weekend only-Thursday, July 1 through Saturday, July 3 at the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, 1300 S. Lake Shore Dr. Don't miss Adler's new Lunar Lounge-the Windy City's newest nightlife frontier before or after the show.

Tweeter schedule continues

The 2004 Tweeter Center season as follows:

Friday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m., **Christina Aguilera**, \$25 - \$68, On Sale Now. *Part of the American Express Presale Series

Christina Aguilera's powerful voice and stage presence have made her an international star. Her self-titled debut, released in 1999, hit number one and led to Grammy in the "Best New Artist" category.

Her remake of "Lady Marmalade" for the Moulin Rouge soundtrack (featuring Pink, Mya and Lil' Kim) won the 2002 "Grammy for Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals" in 2002. Her most recent release, Stripped, featuring "Dirrty" and "Beautiful," is a collection of songs co-written and co-produced by Aguilera and Rock Wilder. Saturday, July 3 at 7:30 p.m. **Tim McGraw**

Welcomed by US99, \$30.75 - \$62.75, *Part of the US99 Country Concert Series

Country sensation **Tim McGraw** was raised on the Louisiana delta. His debut single, 1992's "Welcome to the Club," hit the Top 50 almost immediately. He released a hit self-titled album in 1993, followed by 1994's Not A Moment Too Soon, which hit No. 2 on the pop charts and soon went triple platinum. McGraw's third

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release All I Want, produced the hit singles "I Like It, I Love It," "Can't Be Really Gone" and "She Never Lets It Go to Her Heart." He collaborated with his wife, Faith Hill, on Everywhere, and his most recent album, Place In The Sun, was released in 1999.

Sunday, July 4 at 3:30 p.m. **Loopfest with ZZ Top, The Doors of the 21st Century,**

Tesla and Blue Oyster Cult, Presented by The Loop, \$20 - \$50, On Sale Now

ZZ TOP, also known as "That Little Ol' Band From Texas," can lay undisputed claim to being the longest running major rock band with original personnel - Billy F. Gibbons, Dusty Hill, Frank Beard - intact, with more than 34 years of rock, blues and boogie on the road and in the studio. With their

most recent album Mescalero, the band is breaking new ground in terms of both their sonic approach and the material they've recorded. The group's hits include "Gimme All Your Lovin'," "Sharp Dressed Man" and "Legs."



Karen C. Reid (center), accepts a \$35,000 contribution from Alan A. Rodriguez, and Terrance Johnson(R)

The Center for Performing Arts receives gift

The Center for Performing Arts at GSU received \$35,000 presenting sponsorship gift from Charter One Bank. This gift is to support the 2004-2007 "Especially for Kids" Programs. Board President Karen Reid indicated "we are extremely grateful for this sponsorship and we see Charter One's contribution not only as an investment in our program but in our children, our families and our community as well."

"Especially for Kids" is the Center's special Saturday morning series of performances designed for families with young children. In the 2004-05 season it includes Mermaid Theater of Nova Scotia, Alphabet Soup, Christmas Toy-Shop and Alice in Wonderland.

The Center for Performing Arts is located at Governors State University at Governors Highway and University Park.

Trinity Evangelical Church announces summer concerts

On Sunday, July 11, 2004 at 6:30pm at Trinity Evangelical Church, 9230 S. Pulaski Road, Oak Lawn will hold a free Sunday evening concert with the West Suburban Concert Band performing. Enjoy rousing marches, patriotic favorites and symphonic standards. A free will offering will be taken.

Willowbrook Ballroom has Country & Western Dance

Willowbrook Ballroom has Country and Western Dance on Monday July 12 and Tuesday July 13. Admission is \$6. Lessons are 7:30-9:30pm. Salsa night is Wednesday July 14. Admission is \$7. Lessons are 7:30-8:15-8:45 advanced/intermediary. No jeans or gym shoes. Singles dance is Friday July 16. Admission is \$8. From 2-5:30 Sunday Ballroom Dancing with live music is held. Proper attire is required. Admission is \$12. Sunday night is Swing Dancing. Admission is \$10. Lessons are from 7:30-8:30.

Lookingglass Theater announces an extension of The Shaggs:

Lookingglass Theater announces an extension of The Shaggs: Philosophy of the World. This play was highly heralded by most press including Village View. Lookingglass's next production is 500 Clown Macbeth from July 21-Aug 29, 2004. It is presented with the Chicago-based theater company, 500 Clown, the acclaimed production is a raucous, unpredictable theater piece, which destroys and reconstructs Shakespeare's bloody tragedy.

The Lookingglass Theater is located at Water Tower Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago.

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The Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park, where an interim government of Texas delegates met in 1836 to draft a formal Declaration of Independence, includes the Barrington Liv-

ing History Farm, a working farm of the 1850s centered around the home of Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas.

Travelers who want to relive history can get a free Texas State Travel Guide by calling 800-888-TEX or visiting www.traveltext.com. To order a free copy of the Texas Independence Trail brochure or download a copy, log onto <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/heritage/tourism/htindetrail.html>.

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Orland annexes property to build mosque

By David Vognar

The Village of Orland Park voted unanimously at its Monday, June 21 meeting to annex the property at 16530 South 104th Avenue so that a local group of investors could build a Muslim prayer center there.

The decision, which enjoin the prayer center group to adhere to the village's own standards (as opposed to the county's), was made under a din of controversy.

After an intensive study performed by both the village's own development experts, the McDonough group, and the private investors' traffic consultants, both parties felt that the mosque would have a negligible effect on traffic.

Village officials stipulated that right and left turn lanes onto 104th—a county road—must be 165 feet from the main road; signage also must be added to facilitate inbound and outbound traffic. The group's attorney Rick Skrodzki explained his clients' plan to add a left turn lane going north on 104th and a deceleration lane for cars traveling southbound on 104th. Furthermore, no amplified sounds may be used besides the possibility of an intercom inside the building.

"We rolled up our sleeves," Skrodzki said, "we did our job."

Nevertheless, hundreds of residents clamored so fervently against the proposed annexation, citing fears of terrorism and traffic, that the meeting drew the attention of the Chicago television news programs.

The final decision to allow the special use of the property for the purpose of religious worship was predi-

cated not on fear, but on what was "the right thing to do."

"As a community, I think we have to do the right thing," said Trustee James Dodge. Dodge also stated that "(our society) is a nature of principle embedded in law" and explained how state and federal laws prohibit local bodies from placing an onerous burden on religious groups.

"We must weigh every option available," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin, instructing the board on how to render its decision. "Throughout that process, we must attend to the needs of all citizens."

Opponents of the mosque demanded that the village put off the vote and instead offer the citizens a referendum with which they themselves could vote on the issue. Despite the fact that any election on the issue in a referendum would be non-binding, most at the meeting exhorted the trustees to defer the board's decision.

Resident Kevin Peters was of that very opinion: "I don't think the area's been informed... This is such a big issue that I wish people had the chance to vote on it."

Others opposed to the mosque did not claim the democratic process as their sticking points to the board's vote. "No group that jeopardizes our personal safety or national security," began south suburban Baptist Vernon C. Lyons, "is worthy of our tolerance."

Lyons feared, above all, that the new mosque in Orland would have ties to the Bridgeview mosque, a subject of scrutiny due to its questionable charitable funds.

Orland Park resident Samir Ali argued against that notion. "We have good rela-

tions with our neighbors," he said. "One thing that's missing is a mosque nearby. Our

children often wonder why we didn't have a mosque nearby... Regrettably, (the

mosque opponents) are appealing to people's emotions and fears."

Orland Fire Protection District mourns President Jack Leddin

The Orland Fire Protection District is mourning the loss of one of its own. Orland Fire Protection District Board President John "Jack" Leddin, 68, passed away on Friday, June 25 after an illness.

Known for his service to a number of local and county emergency agencies, Leddin first joined the Orland Fire Protection District as a paid-on-call firefighter in 1980, shortly after he and his family moved to Orland Park from Oak Lawn. He was appointed to the Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees in 1991 and was elected 1995 and again in 2001.

"Jack Leddin was an integral part of the Orland Fire Protection District," said Orland Fire Protection District Trustee Cindy Nelson-Katsenes. "We are all grateful for the time that he gave to the community - precious time that took him away from his family."

In addition to leading the Orland Fire Protection District, Leddin was a part-time police officer for the Village of Palos Park; Director of Emergency Services and a part-time police officer for the Village of Orland Hills; worked in the Fire Prevention Bureau for the Homer Fire Protection District; was a former part-time police officer and Director of Emergency Services for the Village of Orland Park; former police commissioner for Lake of the Four Seasons Indiana, along with having served as a part-time police officer for a number of southwest suburban communities. Leddin worked full-time for the Village of Brookfield, serving as Director of Code Enforcement and Chief,

Building Inspector.

"Jack Leddin has answered his 'last call,'" said Orland Fire Trustee Patrick Maher. "We will miss his vast emergency services knowledge, his friendly demeanor and his easy going personality. Jack was not only a well-respected colleague, he was a good friend."

Orland Fire Trustee Dale Karlson, who first served as a paid-on-call firefighter with Leddin in the early 80s said, "Jack joined the department eight or nine years after I did... He was a dedicated individual who loved the Fire Protection District."

Orland Fire Trustee Patricia Corcoran said, "I join my fellow board members in expressing our deepest condolences to the Leddin family. We'll always remember Jack's unrelenting commitment to the people of the Orland Fire District."

Acting Orland Fire Chief Dan Wysocki said, "I've known Jack Leddin since he first joined the Orland Fire District as a paid-on-call firefighter in the early 80s. He was always very supportive of my position as acting chief. Jack's passing is a deep loss to our board."

Leddin's service was not limited to the local level as he chaired the Cook County Office of Emergency Management Council; was the elected director of the Region III Northeast Illinois Emergency Management Council; served on the Cook County State's Attorney's Environmental Task Force and was a director of the Suburban Mutual Aid Response Team (SMART).

Nelson-Katsenes continued, "Jack was a man who wore many hats, all of which were in public service. He was president of our board, was a firefighter, a police officer and worked in code enforcement—all positions in which he served the public. He was a very good man who will be sorely missed."

Maher added, "The moniker 'Mr. Emergency' fit Jack very well. Jack Leddin's passing is not only a loss to the Orland Fire Protection District, it's a tremendous loss for the many, many agencies with which Jack was involved. Jack Leddin was the true definition of the term 'public servant'."

Leddin's professional affiliations were extensive, among them the Illinois Fire Inspectors' Association; American Society of Professional Emergency Planners; Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.; Illinois Emergency Services Management Association; Illinois Environmental Health Association; West Suburban Health Council; along with a number of professional code enforcement associations.

Leddin was a veteran of the United States Naval Reserve. He held a Master's Degree from Dorchester University, along with a number of emergency and code enforcement certifications. He was a graduate of St. Rita High School in Chicago.

Leddin is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Jo (Brennan), five children, William (Debbie), Kathy (Robert) Tomaska, Jackie (Michael) Copple, Joseph (Margaret), and Eileen (Scott) Allen; and six grandchildren, Lisa, Jennifer, Michelle, Emily, and RJ.

Leddin and John Copple.

Visitation was on Monday, June 28 and will be Tuesday, June 29, from 3p.m. to 9p.m. at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 West 103rd Street in Oak Lawn where the Orland Fire District personnel will conduct a ceremonial walk-through at 7p.m. A Funeral Mass will be said on Wednesday, June 30 at St. Michael Catholic Church, 14327 South Highland Avenue, in Orland Park. Orland Fire Protection District vehicles will lead the procession from the funeral home to St. Michael Church for the Funeral Mass. After the Mass, a host of emergency vehicles from a number of towns and agencies will join for a full procession to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 6001 W. 111th St. in Worth for interment.

"The funeral service will also include the ceremonial bell ringing for a fallen firefighter," Wysocki explained. "The life of a firefighter is closely associated with the ringing of a bell. A bell begins the tour of duty and each alarm is sounded by a bell, calling a firefighter to fight fires and place his life in jeopardy for the good of his fellow man," Wysocki said.

"When the fire is out and the alarm has come to an end, the bell rings three times to signal the end," the chief said, "The bell service during Trustee Leddin's funeral will demonstrate that Jack Leddin has completed his task with duties well done and the bell will ring three times in salute to this fallen firefighter."

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the John P. Leddin Memorial Fire Service Fund, in care of the Orland Fire Protection District, 9788 West 151st Street, Orland Park, IL 60462.



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Holwell works at the Animal Welfare League. She is not only a Volunteer Coordinator, but also in charge of the Humane Education Department. In both capacities, she doesn't miss a beat in appearing whenever - and wherever - possible she and her volunteers can add a little love to someone's day.

"I have to say that our pet therapy program at Lexington Health Care Center works out 100 percent in so many different ways, Holwell explains. "First off, the animals who need homes get socialization skills," she says. The more the animals adapt to people, the more adoptable they become.

And, Lexington Health Care Center, which is right across the street from the League, has become the training facility for the volunteers. "We've had such a wonderful working relationship with the residents, the nurses, and the staff members that it's the perfect location to help us train our new recruits."

Rabbits, guinea pigs and ferrets make occasional appearances, but most of the animals brought by volunteers are dogs and cats. "Many Chicago Ridge seniors used to have companion animals at home with them. Now that they live with us in a homelike environment, they're all extremely enthusiastic with the weekly visits to pet, cuddle and talk to the animals," says administrator Marichu Bueno.

"Nurses and relatives of some of the Alzheimers patients are astounded when a person, who hasn't smiled or spoken for along time, has a breakthrough because of one of our animal visits," adds Holwell. "There's so much love remembered, and good memories recalled, that it's incredibly heartwarming for our volunteer pet therapy people to be a part of it."

Thousands of animals each year are rescued, cared for and adopted into good homes through the Animal Welfare League. To find out more, log onto www.animalwelfareleague.com or call 708-636-8586 for a copy of Critter Crusader and tips on helping animals.

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Chicago Ridge approves a Three Way Stop

By Matt Mayer

Area residents of Barnard and Leslie Lane were present at the June 15th Chicago Ridge Village Board meeting. Eileen Ruhl presented a petition consisting of seventy-eight signatures by area residents for a three way stop to slow down the traffic. Village officials and residents engaged in a lengthy discussion exploring various options to calm traffic. Ruhl said the cars are turning the corner at such high speeds that they have not only hit other cars but they have also taken the bark off of the trees and left tire ruts in the lawns.

Police Chief Bauldermann along with the Police Department will conduct a one-month study of the intersection at which time citations will be issued, "Slow children at Play" signs will also be installed as well as the repair of a flashing light at Menard Ave, Siegel said. A committee will also be formed consisting of Bauldermann, Village Engineer Chris Burke, Eileen Ruhl and Trustee Bruce Quintos for a thorough evaluation of the area. They will report back at the next board meeting July 6th with their findings, Siegel said.

Upon discussions regard-

ing Ridge Lawn School, the board moved to adopt a seventy-three compromise to create an extension of Menard Ave - contingent upon the approval of the school board at their next board meeting. This agreement was reached after School Board members Brad Grove, Pam Van Witzenberg and School Superintendent Dr. Benard Jumbuck requested the board to absorb the entire cost of the street development which parallels the school. Along with the street development itself, the project would also include curbs and gutters.

The board approved a business license for Pediatric Health Partners, a physician's office at 10436 Southwest Hwy. The board overturned the Planning and Zoning board denial for a fence variance at 6001 Birmingham. The board approved to waive the fourteen-day notice requirement and award street repairs to the low bidder, Crowley Sheppard in the amount of \$309,501.25 as well as \$1,500.00 for asphalt repair at 100th and Sayre Ave and \$3,810.00 for asphalt work at the school additions. An emergency pump repair in the amount of \$12,479.00 with Metropolitan Pump was also approved.



Dan Scurek, Alderman, Palos Hills, presides over The American Legion Flag Day Celebration on June 14th.

Flag Day celebrated by American Legion in Palos Hills

The City of Palos Hills Community Resource & Recreation Department held a special Flag Day ceremony to honor our Nation's symbol of freedom and the men and women who serve in the U.S. Military. "It is only proper to pay tribute to those who are risking their lives, leaving their homes and families to provide our freedom. We respect, honor and support them and all the military-past, present and future", said Mary Jo Vincent, Community Resource & Recreation Commissioner. Joining in the patriotic ceremony were the Burbank Detachment 072 Marine Corps. League and the Senior ROTC-Fire Battalion. Music for the event was provided by 101 Ranch. Alderman Ricky Moore provided the following poem.

No, Freedom Isn't Free

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze.
A young Serviceman saluted it, and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud.
With hair cut square and eyes alert-he'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of taps one night, when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.

Thanks to all who gave

The members of the Western Front VFW Post #177 and its Auxiliaries, thank all those that so generously contributed to the VFW "Buddy Poppy" campaign on Memorial Day weekend. All receipts from the poppy sales are mandated by our national bylaws to be used solely for the relief of veterans, widows of veterans or their orphans that are in distress.

Contributions were well over last year's. This indicated that most Americans still care for those that sacrificed so much for them on the field of battle, that are now in dire need of help. The Veterans of Foreign Wars started to sell poppies over 79 years ago to assist veterans in need. The sale of the Buddy Poppies have a double benefit. First, they are assembled by disabled and needy veterans that are paid for their work; then all proceeds, that are collected from your generous contributions over Memorial Day weekend, to further support needy vets.

I wondered just how many times
that taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves at Arlington.
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Saturday July 17th, No dance

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Critter Crusaders dedicated to their mission in Chicago Ridge

You never know when you'll spot Amanda Holwell bringing animals to visit seniors at Lexington Heath Care Center in Chicago Ridge.

Holwell works at the Animal Welfare League. She is not only a Volunteer Coordinator, but also in charge of the Humane Education Department. In both capacities, she doesn't miss a beat in appearing whenever - and wherever - possible she and her volunteers can add a little love to someone's day.

"I have to say that our pet therapy program at Lexington Health Care Center works out 100 percent in so many different ways, Holwell explains. "First off, the animals who need homes get socialization skills," she says. The more the animals adapt to people, the more adoptable they become.

And, Lexington Health Care Center, which is right across the street from the League, has become the training facility for the volunteers. "We've had such a wonderful working relationship with the residents, the nurses, and the staff members that it's the perfect location to help us train our new recruits."

Rabbits, guinea pigs and ferrets make occasional appearances, but most of the animals brought by volunteers are dogs and cats. "Many Chicago Ridge seniors used to have companion animals at home with them. Now that they live with us in a homelike environment, they're all extremely enthusiastic with the weekly visits to pet, cuddle and talk to the animals," says administrator Marichu Bueno.

"Nurses and relatives of some of the Alzheimers patients are astounded when a person, who hasn't smiled or spoken for along time, has a breakthrough because of one of our animal visits," adds Holwell. "There's so much love remembered, and good memories recalled, that it's incredibly heartwarming for our volunteer pet therapy people to be a part of it."

Thousands of animals each year are rescued, cared for and adopted into good homes through the Animal Welfare League. To find out more, log onto www.animalwelfareleague.com or call 708-636-8586 for a copy of Critter Crusader and tips on helping animals.

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St. Louis de Montfort Peace Garden dedication

By Matt Mayer

Pictured above is a Memorial Peace Garden, which was planted on May 22nd for Father William Quinn, former Pastor of St. Louis de Montfort Parish. Father Quinn passed away on July 20th, 2003. Parish volunteers planted the perennials and the children of the parish planted the finishing touches of annuals on May 24th and 25th.

Father Quinn was a man of great convictions, whether you agreed with him or not. One of his greatest convictions was world peace. One would find it difficult to believe anyone would disagree with him on this! Along with being a peace advocate, he was also an avid gardener. I recall one of his homilies in which he spoke about growing our faith. He made the analogy between our faith and the flower seeds he purchased at the Jewel across the street. He said by watching the flowers grow from seed illustrates how our faith can grow. And then with

that little twinkle in his eye, he said "Maybe it's the Irish in me that likes to garden. You know us Irish are great potato farmers."

A four-sided peace poll was also installed in the garden, with the saying "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in English, Spanish, Polish and Gaelic in honor of the many cultures and nationalities in the St. Louis de Montfort parish family. Gaelic was chosen for one side because Father Quinn was of Irish descent. The peace pole extends eight feet.

There are 200,000 of these peace polls installed around the world in 180 countries, which include the Magnetic North Poll in Canada and the Peace Museum at the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima.

The peace poll dedication ceremony will be Sunday July 18th at 12:30 following the 11:30 Mass. At that time the blessing will take place. The peace poll dedication ceremony is an effort to call people together from the Chicago metro area. The prayers for this day will be

that we all learn together to have peace in our environment - peace with the plants, the animals and all creation on earth as well as the creation of a vision of global peace. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Father Quinn also enjoyed astronomy, as he would gaze at the stars through his telescope. I'm sure his smiling Irish eyes will be shining down upon us at this ceremony, as I'm sure they always do. However now there is no need for any optical equipment. On a warm summers eve, as the gentle winds blow, one can faintly hear Father Quinn's summertime message. "It's summertime - rest, relax, and enjoy." It's a comforting remembrance I will never forget.



Experience an Arizona adventure

Discover the cultures and art of Native Americans in Arizona with the Eiteljorg Museum

Sheer red cliffs and the vast expanse known as the Grand Canyon await you. Experience the awe-inspiring views and cultural traditions of Arizona with a trip organized by the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis.

The Eiteljorg Museum will lead a trip to Arizona Aug. 1 through 8, 2004, to explore the dramatic landscapes and cultural treasures of the land and people of the Colorado Plateau. The area is rich in history, art, culture, beauty and tradition and is home to the Navajo and Hopi.

Dr. Martha Hill, the Eiteljorg's director of public programs, will participate in the trip to offer her insights. Local Native American cultural representatives will provide tours and offer a unique understanding of the area and its people.

Travelers will explore the Grand Canyon and tour Monument Valley and Canyon de Chelly by Jeep. They will also share a traditional meal during a day that includes visits to the villages of Walpi and Oraibi on the Hopi Mesas, meet and talk with Navajo and Hopi artists and purchase pottery, jewelry, baskets, rugs and more directly from the artists. The

trip also includes the chance to view hidden cliff dwellings and ancient rock art, and enjoy the dances, arts, crafts, and food at the Museum of Northern Arizona's Navajo Marketplace.

The tour also includes a trip to the Heard Museum. Guests will be able to see this spectacular collection of Native American art and artifacts of the Southwest.

The cost of the tour is \$1,685 for Eiteljorg Museum members and \$1,725 for non-members, per person based on double occupancy. Airfare is not included. The trip is open to families.

To reserve your spot, call (317) 636-9378, ext. 150.

Little Company supports people with Diabetes through education

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and is on the rise. It is a contributing factor in cardiovascular mortality and renal failure. In response to this growing health concern, a team at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Centers established a diabetes center that provides comprehensive outpatient diabetes services to the community. The center hosts a monthly support group as part of its ongoing use of education and prevention as tools in fighting diabetes.

The Diabetes Support Group brings people with

diabetes together for support and guidance. The group meets the last Wednesday each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Each session features a guest speaker and is facilitated by a Registered Dietitian who is a Certified Diabetes Educator. Family members and other caregivers are welcome to attend.

The support group is a free community service provided by Little Company. Please call 708.229.5625 for reservations or information.

Free blood pressure screenings at OL Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free blood pressure screenings on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th Street, Oak Lawn.

The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate Christ Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Medical Center, 708-346-3289, or the library, 708-422-4990.



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News about our local service personnel

Marine Corps Reserve
Pvt. Bryant A. Crot, son of
Linda M. and Ed N. Crot of
Oak Lawn, recently com-
pleted 12 weeks of basic
training at Marine Corps Re-
cruit Depot, San Diego, Cal-
if designed to challenge new

Marine recruits both physi-
cally and mentally.

Crot and fellow recruits
began their training at 5 a. m.,
by running three miles and
performing calisthenics. In
addition to the physical
conditioning program, Crot

spent numerous hours in
classroom and field assign-
ments which included learn-
ing first aid, uniform regula-
tions, combat water survival,
marksmanship, hand-to-hand
combat and assorted weap-
ons training. They performed
close order drill and operated
as a small infantry unit dur-
ing field training.

Crot and other recruits
also received instruction on
the Marine Corps' core val-
ues—honor, courage and
commitment, and what the
core values mean in guiding
personal and professional
conduct.

Crot and fellow recruits
ended the training phase with
The Crucible, a 54-hour,
team evolution culminating
in an emotional ceremony in
which recruits are presented
the Marine Corps Emblem,
and addressed as "Marines"
for the first time in their ca-
reers.

Crot is a 2003 graduate of
Richards High School of Oak
Lawn.

Navy Ensign Patrick F.
McInerney, a 2000 graduate
of Brother Rice High School,
Chicago, Ill., recently gradu-
ated from the United States
Naval Academy in Annapo-
lis, Md., and was commis-
sioned to his current rank in
the United States Navy.

McInerney successfully
completed four years of in-
tensive academic, physical
and professional training,
resulting in a bachelor of sci-
ence degree with a major in
Aerospace Engineering. As a
graduate of the Naval Acad-
emy, McInerney completed a
four-year, total-immersion
program where a strong, bal-
anced academic program fo-
cused on the educational
needs of the Navy and Ma-
rine Corps, is superimposed
on a strict, professional mili-
tary training environment
emphasizing the develop-
ment of leadership skills.

Considered one of the top
institutions in the country, the
U.S. Naval Academy was
founded in 1845. The Naval
Academy has graduated
more than 60,000 men and
women. Its graduates have
included 4,000 admirals and
generals, one president, 200
members of Congress, three
governors, 73 Medal of
Honor winners, one Nobel
Prize winner and 40 astro-
nauts.

The Naval Academy cur-
rently has more than 4,000
students who comprise the
Brigade of Midshipmen, and
who come from every state
in the union.

VA Secretary hails "Six decades of opportunity" for GI Bill

Secretary of Veterans Af-
airs Anthony J. Principi
marked the 60th anniversary
of the "GI Bill of Rights" on
June 22, calling it "one of the
greatest pieces of legislation
in American history."

"The GI Bill made home
ownership and college edu-
cation available to millions
of Americans," Principi said.
"By harnessing the talent and
drive of America's veterans,
it created six decades of op-
portunity for the men and

women who served in uni-
form."

About 21 million veter-
ans, service members and
family members have re-
ceived more than \$77 billion
in GI Bill benefits for edu-
cation and training since
1944. Administered by the
Department of Veterans Af-
airs (VA), the educational
program has undergone sev-
eral major changes over the
years. The current version is
the Montgomery GI Bill.

The GI Bill's home-loan
guaranty program has been
used by 17.5 million people
for loans totaling \$830 bil-
lion. Last year, more than 90
percent of participants took
advantage of the program's
unique no-downpayment
feature. "VA is proud to play
a part in holding open the
door to the American dream
for millions of veterans,"
Principi said. "We will con-
tinue this legacy by looking
for new ways to adapt this
marvelous program to the
changing needs of veterans."

VA improves access to life insurance information

The Department of Veter-
ans Affairs (VA) announced
that veterans will now be able
to access their Veterans'
Group Life Insurance
(VGLI) accounts at any time
of the day or night from any
computer or telephone.

"Today's veterans are
technologically savvy, and
VA's Life Insurance program
is constantly looking for bet-
ter ways to meet their needs,"
said Under Secretary for
Benefits Daniel L. Cooper.

"We will be adding new fea-
tures to both our online ac-
count and interactive voice
response systems on an
amcontinuing basis so veter-
ans can manage their policies
from anywhere, at anytime."

Using a secure Web site,
the VGLI Online Account
Access system allows veter-

ans to obtain basic informa-
tion on their account through
the insurance Web site at
www.insurance.va.gov
<www.insurance.va.gov>.

Veterans will be able to
view their current amount of
coverage, premium rate, and
billing method, as well as
change their billing address.
In the future, veterans will
have access to additional
online tools allowing them to
change their method and fre-
quency of payment.

Also available on VA's in-
surance Web site is a new life
insurance calculator that al-
lows veterans to calculate a
recommended amount of life
insurance based on their fi-
nancial information.

The veteran enters finan-
cial information directly into
the Web site including finan-

cial obligations, net addi-
tional income needed by sur-
vivors and current assets. By
subtracting total assets from
total financial obligations and
net income needed, the cal-
culator arrives at the amount
of life insurance recom-
mended.

Users' privacy will be
protected by the latest
cybersecurity measures.

Veterans can also access
their account information
through a new VGLI interac-
tive voice response system
that allows veterans to obtain
account information through
the telephone.

Veterans can call VA at 1-
800-419-1473 any time, day
or night, by using their tele-
phone keypad and can hear
recorded information on their
accounts. They can also re-
quest certain changes to their
VGLI accounts, such as bill-
ing frequency and payment
method, as well as order cer-
tain forms via mail or fax.

VA Begins Chiropractic Care

Veterans can receive chi-
ropractic care at 26 selected
Department of Veterans Af-
airs (VA) facilities begin-
ning this fall, Secretary of
Veterans Affairs Anthony J.
Principi announced today.

VA will hire or contract
with doctors of chiropractic
to provide the care. In con-
sultation with VA primary
care providers, doctors of
chiropractic will offer patient
evaluations and chiropractic
care for neuromusculo-skel-
etal conditions.

"Today, VA makes an-
other significant improve-
ment to the world-class
health care we provide for
eligible veterans," said
Principi. "Veterans who will
benefit from chiropractic ser-

vices will now have the op-
portunity to receive chi-
ropractic care to restore them
to good health."

Locations where chi-
ropractic care will be provided
include Togus, Maine; West
Haven and Newington,
Conn.; Buffalo and the
Bronx, N.Y.; Butler, Pa.;
Martinsburg, W.Va.; Colum-
bia, S.C.; Augusta, Ga.;
Tampa and Miami, Fla.;
Mountain Home, Tenn.; Co-
lumbus, Ohio; Danville, Ill.;
Iron Mountain, Mich.; Kan-
sas City, Kan.; Jackson,
Miss.; San Antonio, Temple,
and Dallas, Texas; Albuquer-
que, N.M.; Fort Harrison,
Mont.; Seattle, Wash.; Sac-
ramento and Los Angeles,
Calif.; and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Eligible veterans in areas
distant from these locations
will also be able to receive
chiropractic care through
VA's outpatient fee-basis
program after a referral by
their primary care provider,
and prior authorization by
the department.

VA was authorized to of-
fer chiropractic care and ser-
vices under the provisions of
section 204 of Public Law
107-135, the Department of
Veterans Affairs Health Care
Programs Enhancement Act
of 2001.

Chiropractors seeking
employment or to provide
contract services to veterans
should call the Human Re-
sources office of any of the
above facilities. Some VA
positions may be advertised
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St. Francis now offers minimally invasive shoulder repair

Residents of the South Suburbs now have access to a new, advanced procedure for rotator cuff (shoulder) repair at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center that helps patients recover faster and experience fewer complications. Orthopedic surgeons Drs. Robert and Paul Atkinson successfully performed the new procedure, called the Opus AutoCuff™ system, earlier this month.

Offered on an outpatient basis at St. Francis, the minimally invasive surgery uses new technology that allows the surgeon to place sturdier and more accurate stitches for shoulder repair. The procedure is believed to be the first of its kind performed in Chicago's South Suburbs and is one of a rare but emerging trend within the orthopedic field.

Each year, over four million people seek medical treatment in the United States for shoulder problems. Of them, an estimated 300,000 will undergo surgery for rotator cuff tears.

The rotator cuff consists of a number of muscles and tendons that help the shoulder rotate. It surrounds the top of the upper arm bone and holds it within the shoulder joint. When a tear occurs, the rotator cuff is pulled away from the shoulder bone, usually causing pain and limiting or preventing motion. These common tears can result from a specific incident such as excessive force or from a hit or fall, or over time from repetitive motion, heavy lifting or natural degeneration due to aging.

To repair a tear, the torn end of the rotator cuff must be reattached to the bone. Traditionally, surgeons use screws set into the bone to reconnect the rotator cuff. Sutures or stitches, threaded through the rotator cuff tissue and knotted to the screws on the other end, pull the rotator cuff back to the bone.

Most rotator cuff operations involve open surgery - making a large incision in the shoulder and sometimes cutting part of the surrounding muscle to open the area for visibility during the surgery. Only about 10% of all current rotator cuff repairs are performed arthroscopically, usually due to their complexity.

With the new, less-invasive method now offered at St. Francis, a small camera is inserted into the shoulder joint through a tiny incision and the surgeon performs the operation through the incision while watching his progress on a monitor.

The Opus AutoCuff system takes arthroscopic rotator cuff repair surgery one step further-making it easier to perform, more effective, quicker and more comfortable for the patient.

"[The AutoCuff procedure] is so well thought out that it is difficult to even conceptualize a more effective technique," says Dr. Robert Atkinson, who saw this as a further improvement to the arthroscopic rotator cuff surgeries he already performs. The new technology gave him the tools to make stronger, more accurate sutures while eliminating aspects of the procedure that typically cause complications. For example, the AutoCuff system eliminates the need to tie suture knots - a key difficulty with traditional rotator cuff repair and a potential irritant to the body due to bulky knot bundles. The stronger sutures also ensure the surgery will better hold the rotator cuff in place, with less risk for post-operative problems.

The Opus AutoCuff system involves two core technologies - the SmartStitch® Suturing Device and the Magnum® Knotless Fixation Implant. The SmartStitch® allows the surgeon to quickly place a special "mattress" stitch in the tissue of the rotator cuff. This is a stronger stitch than is possible using other suturing methods or tools. The surgeon then uses the Magnum Knotless Fixation Implant™ to implant a device that holds or traps the two loose ends of the suture into the bone itself, connecting tissue to bone without knots. The device has "flares" that deploy inside the bone, ensuring it will not slip out.

"Through only a keyhole incision, we can place a stitch into the rotator cuff within minutes, test that it is properly holding the tissue, and then anchor it directly into the bone," says Dr. Atkinson.

With the AutoCuff system, Dr. Atkinson expects less time

for his patients in surgery and an easier recovery. For example, during the operation, he was able to securely place the needed sutures using the new procedure within minutes and, although recovery times greatly vary, expects his patient to be actively moving his shoulder within six weeks compared with a recovery time of up to six months for patients of traditional, open rotator cuff surgery.

If you are considering rotator cuff repair and interested in this procedure, Dr. Atkinson advises researching orthopedic surgeons to identify those who are proficient in arthroscopic rotator cuff procedures.

Passport Service hours extended

Village of Orland Park Offers Evening Appointments

Appointments for passport applications and passport photos are available by appointment in the Mayor's Office of Special Services, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to the normal daily hours, appointments will now be available on the first and third Monday evenings of the month until 7 p.m. for those who are unable to schedule a daytime appointment.

The Mayor's Office of Special Services is located on the lower level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.

"Last Ride In" for retiring Orland Park Police Officer

Orland Park Police Officer George Gilbert retired from the Orland Park Police Department after 31 years of ser-

vice on Friday, June 4, 2004. The traditional Police Department "Last Ride In" to the station for Officer Gilbert

began at 3 p.m. on Ravinia Avenue from the Public Works facility to the Orland Park Police station.

generosity of major donors who contribute to the vital habitat work we conduct", says Schenck. If you would like to become a major donor or are interested in hearing more about the exciting projects happening in Illinois, please call (309) 647-5651.

With more than one million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest wetland and waterfowl conservation organization. Since its founding in 1937, DU has raised more than \$1.5 billion and conserved nearly 11 million acres of critical wildlife habitat across North America. Wetlands are nature's most productive ecosystems, but the United States has lost more than half of its original wetlands and continues to lose more than 100,000 wetland acres every year.

Wetlands Benefit Everyone

Ducks Unlimited Provides Benefits to Illinois' Residents by Restoring Its Wetlands

After losing nearly 85% of its historical wetlands, the state of Illinois is an important area for Ducks Unlimited (DU) to ensure that these valuable resources be restored. In collaboration with private landowners and multiple state and federal partners, Ducks Unlimited has completed several wetland restoration projects across the state, producing various opportunities for Illinois' residents. "Wetlands provide great value to our environment," states Ducks Unlimited Regional Biologist, Eric Schenck. "It's imperative that these wetlands be restored and protected because of the multitude of benefits they provide to society, including outdoor recreation, wildlife watching, scenic natural habitats, improved water quality, environmental study, and education."

DU and its partners have completed wetland and upland restoration projects in the Chicago and Northbrook areas. For example, Ducks Unlimited's Rollins Savanna Habitat Project in Lake County is restoring 240 acres of wetlands and more than 500 acres of native prairie and oak savanna habitat in

partnership with the Lake County Forest Preserve District. In addition to providing habitat for local nesting waterfowl, threatened and endangered species, and other wildlife, the Rollins Savanna project will help reduce downstream flooding and improve water quality. Although this project was completed on public land, many projects also occur on privately owned lands.

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Madigan holds Victims' Rights Rally

Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that sheriffs in all 102 counties are now participating as partners in the Illinois Automated Victim Notification System (AVN), which allows victims of crime to access up-to-date information on an offender's custody or case status.

Madigan made the announcement and outlined other initiatives her office has taken to protect and serve crime victims during a morning rally to commemorate the 24th Annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The rally was held at the Attorney General's office, with Madigan joined by area sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, crime victims and victims advocates.

"I am convinced that AVN is achieving its most important goal - empowering victims and their families by providing them with information about the people who have committed crimes against them. That knowledge is power," Madigan said. "AVN plays a critical role in helping victims feel safer. They know that AVN will keep them updated and allow them to participate fully in the criminal justice system."

The toll-free, bilingual AVN system relies on information supplied by county sheriffs, county clerks, the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), the Department of Human Services and the Prisoner Review Board. The AVN system stores the information in a central communication center that is regularly updated and can be accessed by a victim at any time. The county sheriffs and the IDOC provide information about where an offender is in custody. Through a toll-free telephone call, the county clerks provide information about an offender's case status.

Madigan said that since AVN began operating in

November 2001, it has received more than 35,600 calls from individuals seeking information, and more than 17,500 automated calls have been placed by the system itself to provide critical notification to crime victims. In all, 3,017 Illinoisans are registered to receive updates from AVN.

The system can be used by law enforcement as well as the victims of crime. AVN provides local law enforcement with a tool to check the status of inmates currently incarcerated anywhere in the state. Madigan's office continues to work to add all counties to the system; several counties are not yet operational as they await final changes at their facilities or the arrival of equipment. Cook County operates its own automated notification system.

Crime victims can access the AVN system toll-free at 1-866-5-NOTIFY

(1-866-566-8439). Individuals can register for automatic notification by providing AVN with up to two phone numbers where they can be reached and by choosing a Personal Identification Number (PIN). When registered persons receive a notification call, they provide their PIN number to complete the notification process. An offender will never know that a person is registered with AVN.

Madigan also noted that this year is the 30th anniversary of the Illinois Crime Victims Compensation Act and outlined recent accomplishments of her Crime Victim Services Division:

During 2003, Madigan's Crime Victim Compensation Program recommended compensation of more than \$27 million to the Illinois Court of Claims to help victims recover from the effects of violent crime and rebuild their lives. The funds were distributed throughout

Illinois to victims and families and to hospitals and medical providers, funeral homes and counselors to cover services provided to victims.

Madigan's Violent Crime Victim Assistance Program (VCVA) also awarded \$6.8 million in grants to 342 programs throughout the state in 2003. Grants are awarded to victim assistance providers who provide needed services to a variety of victims. Funding for VCVA is generated from fines paid by criminal offenders. No tax dollars are used for grant awards.

In 2003, citizens from 98 of Illinois' 102 counties contacted the Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Line for information about the program. In all, 6,969 calls were received, an approximately 10 percent increase over the number of calls received in 2002.

In 2003, Madigan's office received a federal grant to create the Illinois Victim Assistance Academy (IVAA). Madigan's office is now establishing the IVAA to help victims of crime rebuild their lives and promote quality training programs for victim assistance providers.

Madigan also has joined the attorneys general of 48 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands in signing an April 15, 2004 letter of support to U.S. Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona and Diane Feinstein of California expressing her support for a resolution calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect the rights of crime victims.

Understand your 401(k) plan choices

By Terrance R. Gaertner

When you leave a job or retire, you have five choices on what to do with the 401(k) plan from your former employer.

Most plans allow you to leave your money in the old plan, or you may be able to roll the old 401(k) plan monies into your new employer's 401(k) plan. You could roll the monies directly into an IRA account, or you could take the money out of the old 401(k) plan for 60 days or less and then re-invest the monies into an IRA account (called an indirect rollover), or finally, you could simply withdraw the monies out of the plan.

Let's look at each of these options and weigh the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Some plans allow you to keep the money in the old plan. You will first need to find out if this is an available option and if so, are there restrictions in the old plan if you leave your money there.

I have seen plans that give you a window of time to roll out of the original plan and then require that any monies left in the plan stay there until you reach age 65. Make sure you understand the consequences of leaving your money in the old plan.

Unlike a Rollover IRA, if you leave the money in the old plan, you will be limited to the investment choices offered by that plan. This may

or may not be a reason to leave the plan, depending upon the choices within the plan.

Many, but not all plans allow you to roll your old 401(k) plan into your new employer's 401(k) plan. If your old plan was found to be non-qualified for some reason, it could cause problems for the new plan that accepts your rollover. The advantage of this option is that you have only one retirement account to administer. But again, you are limited to the investment choices offered by the plan.

You could take a short term loan from your old plan and, within a 60-day period, roll the monies into an IRA account or your new employer's plan. There are two big problems with this option. First, your old employer will have to withhold 20 percent for federal income taxes. So let's say that you had a plan balance of \$100,000 and you took a direct distribution from the plan intending to rollover within the allowed 60 days. You would only receive a check for \$80,000 from your old employer and you would have to apply for a refund when you file your taxes.

However, in order to complete a full rollover within the 60 day limit, you would have to come up with the additional \$20,000 to rollover the full \$100,000. This could present a problem.

The second problem is that either intentionally or unintentionally, you do not get the money rollover within the allowed 60-day period. Then you will have to pay taxes on the full distribution and if you are not yet age 59

½, you will be hit with a 10 percent penalty for early distribution. If you are in the 28 percent tax bracket and subject to 3 percent Illinois tax, your \$100,000 becomes only \$59,000 after deducting the 31 percent tax and the 10 percent penalty. If the \$41,000 that you lost to Uncle Sam were left to accumulate at 8 percent tax deferred for thirty years, it would be worth more than \$440,000.

Unfortunately, nearly 70 percent of 401(k) plan participants simply withdraw the money when they leave their job. These are the people that need better advice at a time when they are making such a big decision.

By law, you have at least 30 days to decide what to do with your 401(k) plan balance. If you are not sure, consider the final alternative and that is to place the money into a Rollover IRA. Easy to establish, administer, and cost efficient, Rollover IRA's offer nearly unlimited investment choices.

The only time I can think of where you would not roll over to an IRA, is if you plan on working past age 70 ½. If you are in a 401(k) plan and are still working, you are not going to be subject to minimum distributions at age 70 ½ as you would be in an IRA. But since most of us do not plan on working past age 70 ½, the Rollover IRA is a logical choice.

All of the choices make more sense than withdrawing the money. Make sure you get qualified, professional advice before you have to make your 401(k) plan choice.

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Aquascape Designs, Inc breaks ground

In mid July Batavia-based Aquascape Designs, Inc breaks ground on its new world headquarters in St. Charles. The company is the most innovative source of water gardening technology and systems. It's building an environmentally friendly "green-roofed" headquarters for its 135 employees

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Summertime Paddling on the Chicago River

Friends of the Chicago River Offers Outfitted and Docent-Led Canoe Trips

For many locals and visitors in Chicagoland, summertime means taking advantage of abundant sunshine and warm weather, and enjoying the outdoors by playing sports, picnicking, sightseeing, sunbathing, swimming—and now paddling on the Chicago River.

This summer, Friends of the Chicago River is offering a rare recreational experience and up-close view of local ecology, wildlife and history through guided canoe trips along picturesque and story-filled stretches of the Chicago River.

Friends of the Chicago River (Friends), a local non-profit organization, is providing a variety of canoeing package trips for larger groups, such as companies, clubs or other organizations, as well as individuals and smaller groups including families. "There has been a lot of interest among Chicago residents and visitors to find outdoor recreational activities that are off the beaten path and unique to the city," said Laurene von Klan, executive director of Friends of the Chicago River. "Through docent-guided canoe trips, we're showing people parts of the city seldom seen and offering a one-of-a-kind outdoor experience that they'll hopefully want to relive every summer."

Group Canoeing Options

Two different trip packages are available to accommodate groups of up to 24 people. The premium "Chutes and Eddies" trip costs \$2,000 per group and includes one of three available Chicago River routes: up the north branch of the Chicago River through the Blue Star Memorial Woods, Harms Woods and Miami Woods; around Goose Island through historic industrial areas and residential neighborhoods; or through the skyscraper-surrounded "canyons" around the Loop. Each canoeing excursion is a six-hour trip that includes lunch, shuttle transportation and all necessary canoeing equipment—canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices and dry bags. Experienced canoe docents provide safety instructions, lead each trip and manage equipment unloading and loading.

The "Pools and Riffles" package is also available to groups of up to 24 people and costs \$1,400. Three 2.5-hour routes can be selected from this package: exploring the banks of the Skokie Lagoons; paddling from Oakton to "the waterfall"; or traveling between River Park and Clark Park to see two of Chicago's greenest public spaces. Similar to the Chutes and Eddies package, Pools and Riffles includes all the necessary canoeing equipment, in addition to professional docent guidance and instructions.

The trip does not include food or shuttle transportation to the canoe entry or exit points. Participants should plan to bring a lunch.

Individual Canoeing Options

In addition to the group packages, several outings are planned for the summer and available to individuals and small groups. The cost for each trip is \$40 for Friends members and \$65 for non-members. Paddling equipment, instructions, shuttle transportation and a box lunch are provided for each participant. Canoe trips are led by experienced docents and include the following trip routes, dates and times:

* "Canoe the Canyons," Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This urban canoe adventure allows participants to experience the Chicago River's rich port history, while viewing the city's world-class skyline.

* "Moonlight at Skokie Lagoons," Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004—5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The trip begins with a barbecue dinner on the banks of the Skokie Lagoons. Participants will learn about how and why the lagoons were built, see the sunset and later paddle by moonlight.

Children under the age of six, pets and alcohol are not permitted on any of the group or individual canoe trips. For more information about Friends of the Chicago River guided canoe trip packages, visit call 312-939-0490, ext. 14 to make reservations.

Founded in 1979, Friends of the Chicago River is a non-



profit organization working to improve the Chicago River through three program areas: education, on-the-ground projects, and policy and planning efforts. Friends faces the challenge of restoring an urban river by mobilizing volunteers, uniting coalitions, initiating planning programs, and connecting people to the river through public outreach programs. Friends operates through corporate, foundation and government contributions as well as support from member who strengthen the voice of the Chicago River.

The Lure of the Grape

A new visitor's guide to Galena's vineyards and vistas

Many people have known for years that the rolling hills of Galena are great places to discover vintage treasures. Today, world-weary visitors find sanctuary in the lush vineyards and sweeping vistas of Galena's higher ground. The best tool for escaping to Galena & Jo Daviess County is its new 48-page Visitor's Planning Guide.

The 2004 guide's focus is evident. The inviting "Vineyard Recreation" cover creates visions of relaxation and gentle restoration. Strong images and focused descriptions of the area's picturesque country roads, abundant produce and gardens, river history, outdoor adventures and art capture readers' attention.

Each themed editorial clearly notes activities and attractions of interest while directing the reader to more detailed information. More than 300 business listings of accommodations, attractions, arts and entertainment, golf, recreation, restaurants, services, shopping, spa services and weddings are found in the guide.

The "Accommodations-At-A-Glance" quick-reference grid format helps visitors select appropriate overnight lodging. Price ranges and amenities are easily compared. An expanded map centerfold is another feature that serves as a valuable tool. Easy-to-read maps of Galena, Jo Daviess County and the Galena Territory are complemented by community descriptions and a list of tri-state attractions. Web site addresses and business contact information found throughout the publication also make trip planning easy. The printed guide is one of the CVB's premier marketing tools. "This publication was planned to be a comprehensive resource," notes John Mazon, executive director, Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB). "People are excited about having all of the information they need at their finger tips."

Individuals can request a free Visitor's Planning Guide at the CVB Web site, www.galena.org, or by calling toll free: 877-GO GALENA (464-2536)

Galena was a popular, bustling destination in the early 1800s. The discovery of lead sulfide put Galena on the map. Today's travelers to northwestern Illinois find treasures in the area's art galleries and studios, at local wineries, and while on guided adventures.

Inspired by the area's natural beauty, a growing number of world-renown artisans display works in galleries and studios throughout the county. Original, one-of-a-kind art objects are exhibited in historic buildings nestled in the vineyard hills and along main streets.

Visitors to the local vineyards and award-winning wineries see jewel-toned treasures on the vine and under the cork. The delicate process of winemaking can be observed week-ends from Memorial Day through November. The vineyards'

breathtaking vistas rival any Sonoma County, Calif., scene.

To get a bird's eye view of the rolling hills, visitors board a 14-passenger hot air balloon. Early morning and evening flights are launched from Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort.

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy meeting nature up close in Galena & Jo Daviess County. Apple River Canyon State Park hiking trails, the Galena and the Mississippi Rivers are a nature lover's dream come true. Kayak, canoe, bike, snowshoe and ski rent-

als are available along with guided adventures.

Established in 1983, the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is a county government agency created to develop year-round sustainable tourism for Jo Daviess County in a manner which will favorably impact the residents' quality of life and economic well-being. For more information, contact John Mazon, executive director of the CVB, at 877-GO GALENA (464-2536) or director@galena.org.

St Anne & St. Martin hold reunion

If you have lived in the neighborhood of these two parishes and have attended other schools, we may be looking for you. A committee is gathering names of graduates from all classmates that have attended St., Martin or St. Anne from State through Halsted. The committee has been orga-

nized so that many different graduating classes will be represented.

If you or your family have lived in these parishes between the years of 1920 and 1956, contact village View Newspaper at 708-423-9754 and leave your name and telephone number with Annette or Linda.

Oak Lawn Community High School Alumni

Notice of All 60's Class Reunion

A reunion is scheduled to be held October 15 - 17, 2004, Oak Lawn Community High School Homecoming Weekend, for alumni of the 60s. If you attended OLCCHS during the decade of the 60s and would like further details of the amazing weekend we have planned, please contact Dian Gambon Lake at Dian46@comcast.net; Marlene DeVries Johnson at Antyma7@aol.com; or write to OLCCHS All 60s Reunion Committee, 6300 Barbara Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477. A three day Gala is planned for your entertainment. A Friday night reception at the Hilton. Saturday Pancake Breakfast, participation in the Homecoming parade down 95th Street, Homecoming football game, alumni room in the High School and Saturday night banquet and dinner dance. Sunday will end the events with a great breakfast. Most of the activities are being held at the Oak Lawn Hilton. If you are interested in coming why not get a group of your friends together and join the fun.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for July 6th through July 19th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi") go to TheDailyPsychic.Com Visit JackiMari.Com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Do you believe in Fate? Fate implies that you have no choices. You do! This week proves it! Choose Health and Wealth! J helps.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Pay off whatever debts you can pay off, especially those small ones that simply annoy you. H involved and a D too.

Numi says: The rain falls on all who are under it and the bird's song cannot be shut out.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: What you miss the most will return or already has and you don't know it, yet. R and P can be of help, but you must ask!

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Mistakes! This is why we have erasers on pencils! Move on, Guilt is counter-productive. Forgiveness heals. R and M aid.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: A much deeper peacefulness and understanding come abundantly into your consciousness. You're made new! J or G helps.

Numi says: One who cheats others also cheats themselves. Go forward. Let your angel help.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: The only barriers you have were self-made. Okay, now get rid of them and enjoy your life. Travel. Be forgiving. B helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Don't look for the imperfections in others. There is too much anger around you. Leave anger where it first began. K involved.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Respect "silence" because in it is strength and the power to create anew! Light and health live in the silence. M helps.

Numi says: The light at the end of the tunnel shines brightly on new wealth and your health.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: What you give almost always comes back threefold. F and M emerge this week and next and proved to be special helpers.

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My Psychic Observations & Insights: Belief and Faith

Yes, there "is" a difference between "Belief and Faith." One can surely believe in someone or something but may not have an unwavering "Faith" in that someone or something. Sex and love are not synonymous either, you see, one can have sex with someone they do not love, or love someone they never have sex with. A very sick person may profess to all that they "Believe" God will help them heal. Still, they may not possess "unwavering" Faith within themselves that God will help in healing them. This alone may be why they continue to have the problems they are trying to rid themselves of. "I Believe I will heal" and "I have Faith that I will heal" are different statements. *Faith is far superior to Belief.* I ask if God wonders about this confusion. I also ask if there might have actually been 11 Commandments and not just those all-powerful Ten Commandments. The 11th one might have read, "thou shalt not lack Faith in what you say you Believe in." (Cut and save this article, make copies then mail them out to family and friends).

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Moraine Valley's Langland appointed

Jennifer Langland, coordinator of Student Life at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Ill., has been appointed as the Illinois regional coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of two-year and junior college students.

Langland's appointment follows a one-year interim term as regional coordinator and a review of the goals and accomplishments of the region and of Langland herself during that year. Langland also successfully completed the interim coordinator orientation at Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence in July 2003.

Langland, of Frankfort, has served as Moraine Valley's Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisor since 1997 and will continue in that role in addition to her new duties.

Phi Theta Kappa has recognized student academic excellence in the two-year college since 1918 and has become the largest and the most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world, offering \$34 million in scholarships annually.

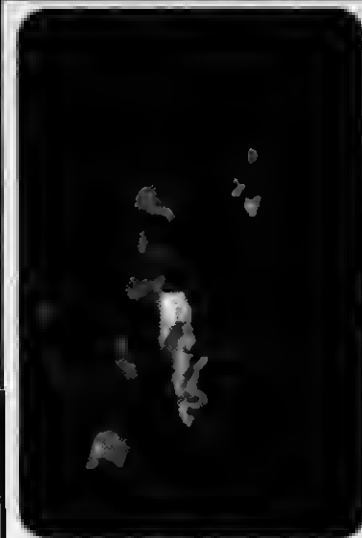
"I am honored to have been selected to this position and to get the opportunity to work with all of the community college chapters throughout Illinois," Langland said. "In particular, I am looking forward to working on more beneficial regional programs." There are 58 chapters in Illinois, the third highest per state in the nation.

As chapter advisor at Moraine Valley, Langland was instrumental in updating the region's bylaws and was actively involved in planning new advisor training sessions for Illinois. Langland's responsibilities as interim regional coordinator included working with regional officers to plan and execute programs, assisting the regional officers in directing society activities, and communicating with the society's national headquarters in Jackson, Miss. Phi Theta Kappa activities include regional and leadership conventions, and a service project, along with the Regional Honors Institute, a four-day event focusing on the society's current honors study topic.

Moraine Valley is located on a 300-acre campus approximately 25 miles from downtown Chicago in the southwest suburb of Palos Hills. The college is the second largest community college in Illinois, serving more than 25,000 students annually. It is one of the original members of the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College and among 12 Vanguard Learning Colleges in North America.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity

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CINDERELLA MEETS HER PRINCE CHARMING AT THE ALTAR

This is not the standard story from where fairy tales are read. This was the wedding day of Cheri Rutkowski to Ryan Lynch. The day of 'I do's' was sprinkled with a Cinderella sort of elegance as Cheri walked down the aisle toward her anxiously waiting Prince Charming, a quiet, handsome young man captivated by the sight of his wife to be's beauty.

This love story began about eight years ago. Back then Cheri was a teen-ager who baby sat across the street from where Ryan use to live. Eventually they met, but little did they know that a romantic match, made in heaven, was being recorded in the ledger of love.

As any girl does, Cheri often dreamt of her wedding day - a fantasy filled day of tradition and grandeur.

After months and months of planning, organizing, and hoping that it would turn out to be the perfect event of their lives, the day of exchanging vows finally dawned.

It was a trolley, not a pumpkin that got this Cinderella lookalike to the church on time.

She wore a fairy tale gown of flowing white splendor, bedecked in tiny, sparkling rhinestone that glistened in the sunlight of this special summer's afternoon.

And, as is done over and over in wedding ceremonies everywhere, two were joined as one as the priest pronounced this endearing young couple as husband and wife.

The church crowd of well wishers cheered the introduction of the newly married Mr. And Mrs. Ryan Lynch. Then it was off to the reception for a grand celebration.

Since the wedding had a Cinderella theme, each table displayed an ice sculpture of either a pumpkin coach or the enchanted castle. When the lights were dimmed the dazzling sculptures glowed, casting a romantic hue of blue from within.

Traditional weddings are, well, traditional - you pretty much know what to expect.

There's eating, drinking, dancing and toasts to the newlyweds from the best man and maid of honor.

Some toasts are more memorable than others, such as the toast given by Ryan's older brother and best man, Mike who, with microphone in hand, asked that the parents and grandparents of the couple please stand up. As he toasted the beaming bride and groom, he told them that love may have gotten them this far but that it would be the people standing who would help them get the rest of the way, on their journey of married life.

Such good advice from a wise young man who found himself seated in the groom's place of honor only five years ago.

Lately I've really been into the whole wedding sentiment. Maybe it's because I have daughters who will hopefully one day walk down the aisle toward wedded bliss. I've been taking notes on all the semantics that go into this special occasion.

Someday, God willing, my husband will have the honor of being father of the bride, and I will witness a man I have shared the best years of my life with give away his little girl to the young man she'll promise her love to.

When that day comes, we'll stand among our family and friends to watch love evolve, as our family welcomes another into the fold.

Weddings are celebrated, love is shared and someday when it's my daughter's turn to live her dream come true, I'll hold in my heart the sentiment of a very wise best man who toasted his brother and new sister-in-law with the sincere thought: *Love may have gotten you this far but it's the people standing who will help you the rest of the way.*

And, as parents, we all stand behind our beloved children, for as the traditional wedding bells ring out, and 'til death do us part' is pledged, the circle of family life will forever live on.

Guidelines protect families from mower related injuries

To raise awareness of lawn mower safety procedures and prevent mower-related injuries, Country Home Products-a leading outdoor power manufacturer and retailer-has released ten important steps consumers should follow while operating a lawn mower. Mower-related injuries occur each year; however, most are preventable if safety precautions are taken.

Country Home Products' top ten safety tips include the following:

1. Read your manual: It may seem obvious, but it's also one of the most important safety precautions people ignore. Before operating your mower, be sure you have read and understand the owner's manual, which explains how to safely operate the mower.

2. Wear the right shoes for the job: Wear shoes that fully enclose your feet and have good traction. As hot as it may be outside, do not mow the lawn barefoot or while wearing sandals. Safety glasses and earplugs are recommended.

3. Inspect your lawn before you start: Do not begin mowing until you have walked through the lawn and removed any debris, including litter, sticks, rocks, toys and other objects that could cause serious injury if hit by a mower's blade. Also, be aware of immovable objects, such as sprinkler heads or partially buried rocks.

4. Handle fuel carefully: Start and refuel your mower outdoors, not in a garage or shed. Fill up your tank before you start, with the engine turned off and cool. Never fill the tank on a lawn mower that has been operating and is hot. Vapors from the gasoline can be ignited by a hot muffler.

5. Keep children and pets away from the area until you're finished: Never allow children to operate a lawn mower, and do not carry children as passengers on a riding mower.

6. Plan your mowing pattern to move forward as much as possible: Pulling a lawn mower backward can result in foot injuries. If mowing an incline, mow across the incline.

7. Mowing wet grass can be dangerous: Avoid mowing on wet grass because it is slippery and you can fall under the mower.

8. Keep your hands and feet away from the mower's blades: Never reach under the lawn mower for any reason while the engine is running.

9. Operate your mower carefully and follow recommended procedures: Always turn off the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire before making any repairs or adjustments (example: changing the blade or cleaning under the deck). Also, always turn off the mower and wait for the blades to stop completely before removing the grass catcher, unclogging the discharge chute, or crossing gravel paths, roads, or other areas.

10. Never leave the mower running unattended



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Antiques and Collectibles



By Anita Gold

Q. I have a pair of Benjamin Franklin type spectacles made to clip on the bridge of the nose, in their original case marked the Failing Optical Company, 455 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. I tried calling, but the company is no longer there. There's also a sticker inside the case that says Receive Reward by Returning to the Failing Optical Co., Buffalo N.Y. I've had them for about 25 years or more. I also have a pair of opera glasses or small binoculars marked OFUNA

3X10 coated on one side of the wheel, and Made in Occupied Japan on the other side made to turn for distance. Can you provide me with any information regarding such pieces and their value? Charles T Romanowski, Mountain Top, PA

A. To check out your spectacles and the company who made them, write the following sources enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for each to receive a reply. J. William Rosenthal, MD, ISA, 3434 Prytania St., Suite 250, New Orleans, LA 70115-3551. Or phone Rosenthal (who buys, sells, specializes in and appraises spectacles, lorgnettes, opera glasses, and other visual aids) at 504-891-1988 or 504-895-1673. Also visit www.antiquespectacles.com and the The Ocular Heritage Society, www.members.aol.com/mesda/index.htm Then too, call your main li-

brary asking if they have the new book "Collectible Eyeglasses" by Frederique Crestin-Billet published by Flammarion in 2004. To check out your opera glasses or any other pieces marked Made in Occupied Japan, write Florence Archambault c/o the Occupied Japan Club, 29 Freeborn St., Newport, RI 02840-1821. Enclose a description of the piece and an addressed stamped envelope for a reply, or phone Florence at 401-846-9024.

Q. I am one of three brothers who inherited our deceased grandparents home with all its antique furniture, furnishings, art, and accumulations of various items they've collected over the years ranging from cast iron animals to American Indian artifacts and lots more that we must sell. Can you put us in touch with buyers? Andrew, James, and David Jones, Columbia, SC

A. You'll find buyers and collectors for all types of antiques, collectibles, art, and everything else that's antique-related, by visiting the exciting and absolutely eye-opening website www.GoAntiques.com which is the largest virtual marketplace offering art, antiques and collectibles through fixed price and live auction selling. GoAntiques.com offers nearly 300,000 items from over 1,100 dealers in 24 countries, and here's the sweet deal - dealers can try GoAntiques for FREE

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Ah, but here's the kicker. For an enormous amount of specific information and informative websites complete with color photos and related sources in every category on how to go about selling your antiques, collectibles, and old stuff layin' around the house gathering dust, that'll put bucks in your pocket, or will tell you how to obtain items you're looking for that seem to be impossible to find, and everything else imaginable for those who passionately love antiques, visit <http://www.goantiques.com> Now go (antiques) to it!

Q. Where can I find information on, and the value of red glassware in the Cape Cod pattern, produced by AVON? Also, how many pieces were produced? Francine Becker, Little Rock, AR

A. You'll find all of the pieces (numbering 37) pictured with their descriptions

and the dates when they were produced, along with their current values in Bud Hastin's fascinating new 17th edition of the "AVON COLLECTOR'S ENCYCLOPEDIA - Avon and California Perfume Company Products - 1886 to 2004 - Thousands of Avon & California Perfume Company Products - Latest Market Prices & AVON Representative Awards - The Official Avon Collector's Price Guide" available in a thick 640-page telephone-directory-size edition for \$32.95 postpaid with packing, from Ace Enterprises, P.O. Box 59354, Chicago, IL 60659. This amazing hard-to-put-down book is sure to bring back fond memories when AVON came calling. The book also contains information on how to buy and sell Avon items, and therefore will make AVONderful addition to add to your library.

Q. I have my mother's collection of Hummel figurines all of which are in perfect condition. How can I find out their current values? Betty Rubin, San Bernardino, CA

A. You'll find everything you ever wanted to know about Hummel figurines and related items including their current values, in the extraordinary book "Luckey's Hummel Figurines & Plates - Identification and Price Guide - 12th Edition" by Carl F. Luckey, and updated by Dean Genth, which features nearly 3,000 figurines, prints, plates, calendars, and much more, available in a large 536-page edition with more than 1,200 black and white photos with a 32-page color section, for \$31.95 postpaid from Krause Publications, 700 E. State



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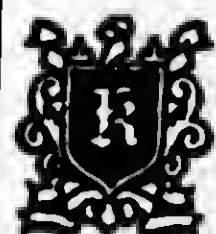
Q. You once mentioned a collector of old radios who buys them whether or not they work. I have an apple green plastic radio from the 1930's that doesn't work I'd like to sell. How can I contact that collector? Joel Brown, Munster, IN

A. Write Barry Janov, 2454 Dempster, Suite 416, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Enclose a description of the radio including any wording or numbers it has, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope for a reply. Janov is a serious collector who evaluates and pays generous prices for old radios working or not, as well as for radio parts, signs, clocks and other items advertising radios, and who especially wants any radios made by E.H. Scott, McMurdo Silver, Zenith with black dial, Grebe, De Forest, Kennedy, Federal, and Atwater Kent breadboard radios dating from 1922-1924, as well as any colorful Bakelite, blue or peach mirror-covered, radios, childrens comic character, storybook, and fairytale radios, and especially any Marconi-related items for which he'll pay quick cash, or e-mail him at marconifon.com

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Serves 1 or 2

3/4 cup R. W. Knudsen Cherry Cider	6-8 medium frozen strawberries
1/4 cup cream cheese, regular or low-fat	1 small frozen banana
2 tablespoons strawberry fruit spread	
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract	1/2 cup crushed ice, optional

Place all the ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth. Serve immediately.
FOR ADULTS

Sunrise Smoothie

FOR ADULTS, and so on, kids, too.

Serves 1

3/4 cup R. W. Knudsen Orange-Carrot Juice	
1/4 cup R. W. Knudsen Coconut Nectar or organic lite coconut milk	
1 teaspoon fresh lime juice	
1 large nectarine, peeled and frozen	1/2 cup mango sorbet
1 tablespoon honey	1/2 cup crushed ice

Place all the ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth. Serve immediately.



Heath Bar Cake

1 cup brown sugar	1/2 cup white sugar
1 stick margarine	2 cups flour
1 tsp vanilla	

Mix as for pie crust. Reserve 1/2 cup for crumbs to go with topping of 6 Heath bars and 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Mix one beaten egg, 1 cup sour cream and 1 tsp baking soda. Fold into first mixture lightly. Do not beat. Spread in pan and top with remaining crumbs of crushed Heath bar and nuts. Bake in 13 by 9 inch and 2 1/2 inch pan for 30 minutes at 350 degree.

A from scratch cake can be rewarding to make. The Heath Bar Cake is also great for would-be bakers who would rather not use a cake mix. Try your luck with this candy bar cake and put a smile on your loved ones faces.

Pastry chef from Arizona parts with ever-so-rich-recipe

Mary Kay Pallo, pastry chef from the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in the Scottsdale-Phoenix areas of Arizona, has a sweet domain in the Kierland kitchens. Pallo parts with her creation of Grand Marnier White Chocolate Mousse. This dessert is for extra special occasions and will garner praise from those who are lucky enough to sample it.

Pallo has worked in several of Arizona's top hotels as pastry chef. She has had almost 20 years experience in the industry. She was named chef of the month by Restaurateur of Arizona a few years ago. In addition she lends her expertise every year to the "Getting Their Just Deserts" event, which features female pastry chefs from the Arizona areas. The event benefits women's and children's charities.

Pallo's whimsical and beautiful creations can be seen at the Westin Kierland in December in time for the holidays.

Last fall she created a 35 pound, three foot tall white chocolate "Mother Nature of Arizona". The base was 27 pounds of gingerbread cookie dough. Royal icing held it all together. The exterior was shaded with a coffee extract and sprayed with edible solution for preservation. The creation took 40 hours to create.

Grand Marnier White Chocolate Mousse

4 egg yolks	3 oz. Granulated sugar
5 1/2 oz. Butter	5 oz. Heavy whipping cream
1 cup powdered sugar	4 oz. Melted white chocolate
4 oz. Grand Marnier	

Melt white chocolate over low flame. Reserve. Whip eggs and sugar until light ribbon forms at third speed on mixer. Cream butter and powdered sugar until smooth. Add liquor slowly. Whip heavy cream. Combine melted, cooled white chocolate with butter and powdered sugar mix. Stir until smooth. Combine egg yolks and sugar mix with chocolate mixture. Mix until smooth. Fold in whipped cream into above mixture.

Music and dance Theater announces fall season

Season and single ticket go on sale for the Joan W. and Irving B Harris Theater for Music and Dance fall-winter season on July 12. Some of the performances are as follows: Illinois Ballet Theater (Aug 20 and 21); Music of the Baroque (Sept 20, 21 Creation); Vermeer Quartet (Sept 26) Ballet Folklorico (Oct 8 and 9); Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago (Oct 15 and 16); Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago (Oct 21, 22 and 23)

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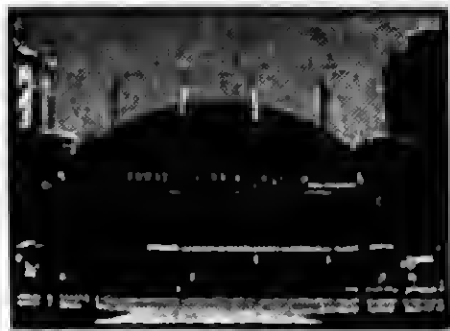
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Admission for attractions are the following: Ferris wheel and Wave Swinger are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 and seniors, and (Ferris wheel only) free for children under 2 years of age; Musical Carousel is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and seniors, and free for children under 2 years of age; Cliff Climb and The Links at Navy Pier are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors.

A combination ticket, which includes a choice of three rides on the Ferris wheel, Wave Swinger or Carousel, also is available. Prices for the combination ticket are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children under 12 and seniors. Special 2-for-1 discounts will be available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday in celebration of Family Fun Thursdays. The 2-for-1 discounts will be good for all attractions.

The Ferris wheel and Wave Swinger are open year-round, weather permitting. The Musical Carousel, Cliff

Climb, The Links at Navy Pier and Rocking Horse are open mid-May through mid-October, weather permitting. Operating hours for Navy Pier Park Memorial Day through Labor Day are Sundays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to midnight.

Boats

Navy Pier's Dock Street, one of the liveliest streets in the city, sails into summer with a selection of cruise options. For an unparalleled view of Chicago's lakefront, guests have the opportunity to board a variety of lunch and dinner cruise ships, sightseeing tour boats, speed boats and water taxis. Shoreline Sightseeing offers sightseeing, architectural tours and water taxi rides on the city's lakefront and River. Seadog I, II, III and IV offer sightseeing and architectural tours, as well, while cruising 10 - 15 knots faster during the lake tour. Windy I and Windy II, the Pier's resident tall ships, pay tribute to the Great Lakes' rich maritime heritage, while encouraging passengers to help raise and trim the sails.

Navy Pier also is home to three popular lunch and dinner cruise ships, the 600 passenger Spirit of Chicago; The 700 passenger Odyssey II, now in its twelfth year of operation at Navy Pier; and Mystic Blue Cruises, the newest ship at Navy Pier, accommodating 600 passengers.

Also available at Navy Pier are several charter cruise boats. The Anita Dee I accommodates 50 to 149 passengers, and the Anita Dee II accommodates 120 to 400 passengers. El Presidente can accommodate up to 60 guests and is the vessel of choice for high-end corporate and social events. Viewing Chicago's magnificent skyline is easy aboard Eleanor R, a 100-foot long motor yacht docked in Ogden Slip that is ideal for mid-sized corporate outings, special events, weddings or private parties.

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Skyline Stage is open May through September. For a list of scheduled performers, please call (312) 595-PIER, or visit the Navy Pier website at www.navypier.com.

Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows

Permanently displayed along the lower level terraces of Navy Pier's Festival Hall, the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows is the only museum in the country dedicated solely to the beauty of stained glass. The 800-foot-long gallery showcases both religious and secular stained glass windows, which are classified into four categories: Victorian, Prairie, Modern and Contemporary. All of the windows were designed by prominent local, national and European studios, most of which were originally installed in residential, commercial and religious buildings in the Chicago area. Among all 175 windows, The Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows displays the unique works of well-known artists Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan, John La Farge and Louis Comfort Tiffany. With the recent addition of approximately twenty new Victorian windows, the Museum now has the Nation's leading Victorian windows display. Also, The Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows, in addition to The Richard H. Driehaus Gallery of Stained Glass, an extraordinary collection featuring 13 windows that highlight the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany and his workshop from 1890-1930, installed in June 2003 eighteen new Louis Comfort Tiffany Windows, giving the

Museum the largest Tiffany exhibit of any Museum in the country. Admission to the Museum is free and is open year-round during Pier-operating hours.

Amazing Chicago

Experience a new dimension of fun at Amazing Chicago, the city's most exciting full-sensory maze experience. At Amazing Chicago, surprises await at every twist and turn. This 15-minute walk-through attraction amazes as guests navigate through a series of mirror mazes and tunnels set in an obscured Chicago landscape. With dazzling special effects, Amazing Chicago brings the sights and sounds of Chicago to life. The newest funhouse additions include "The Big Squeeze" - a dark, narrow hallway squeezed by two giant air balloons; "The Skyscraper Maze" - an array of famous Chicago skyscrapers and landmarks; "The Psychedelic Mine Shaft" - fluorescent colors, bright walls, crooked doors & surprise air blasts; "Lights over Chicago" - a view of the City fireworks over the lake; and "Bubble Zone" - a popping experience before the exit. Part cultural journey, part fun house, Amazing Chicago is a unique way to introduce out-of-town guests, tour groups and students to Chicago.

Amazing Chicago is open year round. Operating hours Memorial Day through Labor Day are Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to Midnight, and Sundays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. The maze also is available for student and group discount prices with advanced reservations. For more information, visit www.amazingchicago.com or call 1-888-893-7300.

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Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Time Escape is open year-round. Operating hours Memorial Day through Labor Day are Sundays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$10 for

adults and \$8 for children and seniors. Families of four can purchase a 4-Pack of tickets for \$30. Special group discounts and school group rates are available. Call 312-755-9600 for more information, or visit the website at www.timeescape.com.

Tweeter schedule continues

The 2004 Tweeter Center season as follows:



Friday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m.

KISS with Poison, Welcomed by The Loop, \$25 - \$78

Kiss returns with their unique blend of performance and rock and roll. Featuring original members Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley, Peter Criss and Ace Frehley, they are as well known for their trademark make-up as they are for their music. Their hits include "Rock and Roll All Night," "Lick it Up" and "Detroit Rock City."

Poison is one of the world's most popular metal bands, selling millions of albums and dominating MTV during the 1980s. Founded in 1983 by vocalist Bret Michaels, guitarist C.C. Deville, bassist Bobby Dall and drummer Rikki Rockett, Poison has released such hits as "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," "Nothin' But a Good Time" and "Talk Dirty to Me."

Saturday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Nickelback and 3 Doors Down, \$23 - \$45.50

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The Canadian metal band Nickelback features Chad and Mike Kroeger (vocals/guitar and bass, respectively), Ryan Vekedal (drums) and Ryan Peake (guitar). Their albums include *The Long Road*, *Silver Side Up* and *The State* and they contributed to the soundtrack recordings of *Spiderman* and *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle*.

3 Doors Down features Brad Arnold (vocals), Matt Roberts and Chris Henderson (guitars), Todd Harrell (bass) and Daniel Adair (drums). Their hits include "Kryptonite," "When I'm Gone," "Loser" and "Duck and Run." Their albums include *Away from the Sun* and *The Better Life*.

Saturday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Britney Spears, \$25 - \$79 On Sale Now

Britney Spears will bring high-energy new tour, *The Onyx Hotel* to Tweeter Center. The pop princess rose to international prominence when 1999's "...Baby One More Time" reached No. 1 in the charts. Spears has recorded four albums under Jive Records, with her latest, *In The Zone*, released earlier this year. With eleven number one hits, numerous awards and a starring role in teen movie, *Crossroads*, Britney's accomplishments are remarkable.

Sunday, July 18 at 7 p.m.

Sting and Annie Lennox, Welcomed by 93XRT, \$35 - \$130 On Sale Now

Music legend Sting, initially the lead singer of The Police, embarked on a solo career in 1984. Equally comfortable in a variety of musical genres including rock, jazz and world music, his songs include a little bit of everything. One of the best loved musicians performing today, his hits include "If You Love Somebody Set Them Free," "Fortress Around Your Heart," "If I Ever Lose My Faith in You" and "Fields of Gold." His most recent recording is 2003's *Sacred Love*.

Since leaving the Eurythmics after a ten year partnership with David Stewart, Annie Lennox has received critical and audience acclaim for her extremely personal songwriting style and full throttle delivery on her solo albums, *Diva*, *Medusa* and the recently release *Bare*. In her 12 years as a solo artist, she has topped the adult and dance charts, received numerous international awards for her performances and music including an Academy Award, a Golden Globe and a Grammy.

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The good news is that parents don't need a cape or extraordinary powers to achieve an exciting vacation for the family. Use the following tips to become a "superhero" before your next family vacation:

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• Defeat the Enemy-The "vacation doldrums" can threaten family fun and ad to squabbles or restlessness. Foil this foe with entertainment or playtime options

during downtime. According to John Lee, vice president of brand marketing for Embassy Suites Hotels(r), a great solution to family vacation doldrums is the Spider-Man 2 Web Pack(tm). The all-new kids Web Pack was created in conjunction with Sony Pictures in celebration of the new "Spider-Man(r) 2," likely to be one of the biggest movies of the summer. The kids-only Web Pack is available to families staying at Embassy Suites Hotels between May 27 and

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Orland Fire nation's first to implement radio system

The Orland Fire Protection District will be the first fire service agency in the country to implement a state-of-the-art communication system specially designed to enhance the safety and security of emergency responders.

The Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees recently voted unanimously to purchase the Motorola Fireground Communications System.

In 2003, the Orland Fire District applied for the \$90,460 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase this personnel accountability, safety and information network. In February, 2004, the Orland Fire Protection District was awarded the FEMA Grant for \$63,322, with a 30% matching commitment.

Beta tested by the City of Tulsa Fire Department, Motorola's Fireground System gives incident commanders the ability to track emergency responders' positions and assignments.

"We're very excited that the Orland Fire Protection District will be the first agency in the country to use this system," said Orland Fire Trustee Patrick Maher. "There is certainly some prestige with our firefighters being Motorola's first customers," he added.

Acting Orland Fire Chief Dan Wysocki said, "Motorola's Fireground Communications System is a milestone for fire service in the areas of firefighter safety and response. With this system, the incident commander is able to electronically track firefighters working in an emergency scene, freeing up

the commander to focus on tactics and other safety issues."

Wysocki continued, "The Orland Fire Protection District helped Motorola test this product for the last four years. We participated in the company's first focus group and more than 30 of our firefighters volunteered their time to train Motorola personnel in firefighting techniques at the University of Illinois," he added.

Orland Fire Battalion Chief Bryant Krizik, who oversees training for the district, explained, "With this system, firefighters now have an improved personal safety factor because it allows the firefighter to activate a distress call with the push of a button. The call is then sent to a laptop computer in the chief's car setting off an alert, giving critical information on who initiated the distress call, to what crew the firefighter is assigned and what task is being performed."

Features of the system include each responder's radio being configured to display the firefighter's name, riding position and sector assignment on the incident commander's mobile command terminal. When a member of a crew turns off a radio — whether intentionally or by accident — the incident commander is informed and can relay the information to the response team. When a critical situation arises, the emergency button activates an alarm on the incident management mobile command terminal, signaling that someone is in trouble. The integrated evacuation feature allows the

incident commander to wirelessly transmit an evacuation signal to radios on the scene indicating the presence of immediate danger. The system's tracking capabilities indicate what resources are on the scene and to what sector they are assigned, allowing the incident commander to focus on more effective response strategies.

Krizik added that the relayed information will help the Orland Fire District's Rapid Intervention Team rescue the firefighter in distress. An added benefit of the system includes street and hydrant locations, along with pre-fire plans for buildings.

"The numerous books and binders that we currently use will be electronically accessible with the push of a button," Krizik said.

Krizik noted that the Orland Fire Protection District has ordered 36 portable radios, having one for each line firefighter and officer per shift. Once the radios arrive, Krizik estimates that it will take two months to install and train personnel before it is operational. Other departments investigating purchasing this system include the New York Fire Department, Phoenix, Houston, Tulsa and a number of other smaller departments.

"This is clearly one piece of equipment that will directly save lives," Maher noted, "With this purchase, the Orland Fire Protection District will be a leader among the nation's fire service agencies."



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For more information, please call the Village of Orland Park Public Works Department at 708/403-6350.

Farmers' Market

The Village of Orland Park Farmers' Market is open every Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 8 at the Village Center Complex, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The market features 30 vendors offering fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, gourmet food items, breads, bakery items, jewelry, candles and more. Farmer Frank's Barbecue Lunch is available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 708/403-6145.

Fine Art Fair

The Village of Orland Park Public Arts Commission will host its first Fine Art Fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Orland Park Village Center Complex, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Enjoy a weekend of shopping at this juried, outdoor Fine Art Fair. The talents of artists from across the country will be showcased. Highlights of the fair include a separate student art exhibit and a children's art activity sponsored by Blick Art Material.

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Ninety-eight percent of the 2001-02 college transfer graduates responding to a survey last spring said they would recommend Moraine Valley to friends. Graduate comments also were complimentary to college faculty, programs and services. The most highly rated aspects of the graduates' Moraine Valley experience were the variety of courses, size of classes, scheduling of classes, and quality of instruction.

The graduate transfer survey is conducted every spring, and the results over the past seven years have remained consistent: From 98 to 99 percent of the respondents would recommend Moraine Valley to friends, and class size, variety of

courses, quality of instruction, and class scheduling have been the top five favorable aspects of the college.

Thirty-three percent, or 241, of the 754 transfer graduates in 2001-02 responded to the survey, conducted during the spring 2003 semester.

Graduates also gave top marks to their overall educational preparation to transfer to a four-year institution, instructors' interest in students, instructors' availability, academic skills center, transfer materials available, registration process, library services, computer services, and lab equipment and supplies.

"We are very pleased that our transfer graduates feel their educational experience at Moraine Valley was so positive. It reflects well on the faculty and staff and our efforts to ensure students are successful," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. "This survey is a valuable tool in our continuous efforts to improve teaching and learning."

The survey found that 88 percent of the respondents transferred to another college after graduating from Moraine Valley. The most popular public transfer four-year schools were Governors State University, Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, and University of Illinois at Chicago. The most popular private institutions were St. Xavier University, Trinity Christian College, Lewis University, and Columbia College. Graduates also have transferred to Northwestern University, Yale University, Boston University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and New York University. The most popular four-year college majors were education, business, social sciences, health professions, and communications.

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Langland's appointment follows a one-year interim term as regional coordinator and a review of the goals and accomplishments of the region and of Langland herself during that year. Langland also successfully completed the interim coordinator orientation at Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence in July 2003.

Langland, of Frankfort, has served as Moraine Valley's Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisor since 1997 and will continue in that role in addition to her new duties.

Phi Theta Kappa has recognized student academic excellence in the two-year college since 1918 and has become the largest and the most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world, offering \$34 million in scholarships annually.

"I am honored to have been selected to this position and to get the opportunity to work with all of the community college chapters throughout Illinois," Langland said. "In particular, I am looking forward to working on more beneficial regional programs." There are 58 chapters in Illinois, the third highest per state in the nation.

As chapter advisor at Moraine Valley, Langland was instrumental in updating the region's bylaws and was actively involved in planning new advisor training sessions for Illinois. Langland's responsibilities as interim regional coordinator included working with regional officers to plan and execute programs, assisting the regional officers in directing society activities, and communicating with the society's national headquarters in Jackson, Miss. Phi Theta Kappa activities include regional and leadership conventions, and a service project, along with the Regional Honors Institute, a four-day event focusing on the society's current honors study topic.

Moraine Valley is located on a 300-acre campus approximately 25 miles from downtown Chicago in the southwest suburb of Palos Hills. The college is the second largest community college in Illinois, serving more than 25,000 students annually. It is one of the original members of the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College and among 12 Vanguard Learning Colleges in North America.

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Boxing still alive, well with Oak Lawn's Farrell

By David Vognar

Young pugilist Dan Farrell knows that boxing these days has lost its luster. "It's kind of a quiet sport. You don't really see or hear too much about it. But for the people who are into it, it's kind of like a family," he said last week in his Oak Lawn home. "I think what (national boxing) needs is the right fighters morally... it's lost its crowd"

Take a look at any of the Chicago sports pages these days and you'd see that Farrell is right. Though newspapers, broadcasting outlets and the internet offer up a raft of national and local sports news—just recently, one local paper ran a 40-page spread on the Cubs and Sox—the nation is just no longer interested in following America's grittiest, oldest and formerly most admired sport.

Alas, it would appear the golden days of boxing lie behind the sport. That doesn't mean the sport is dead in Chicago, though. Some boxing hopefuls would view Farrell, 17, as part of a fledgling movement to resuscitate the sport.

Other, more realistic fans of the game would see the 140-lb-er as part of the remnants of a currently disorganized and uninteresting national boxing agenda that alienates fans with its avaricious promoters. Nevertheless, there are more than twenty boxing clubs that operate in the Chicagoland area.

Farrell fights for one of them, and he has been fighting for two years now. As a sophomore at Oak Lawn Community High School,

Farrell decided to leave behind the dangerous, machismo-fueled garage fights in which "I would fight anyone" for a more organized training experience.

It was then he discovered Martin McGarry's boxing club of Chicago, where he would train at least five times a week amongst professionals and a few scattered kids his age. Training at McGarry's gave Farrell the routine he needed to transfer his still amateur yen to fight into something more structured, more knowledgeable and fiercer.

He would spar—once with a heavyweight pro—and shadow box and lift weights for hours on end. For a \$35 monthly fee, the young boxer can use the gym anytime he wants. "When you go there, there's about three coaches in there.... There's this kid in there who's 11, and he went to nationals and all that. I sparred with him; he's really good."

Farrell then added that, when it comes to boxing, you more or less have to train yourself. "You don't really get taught how to box. You get taught the fundamentals and you go from there. It's not really one of these high-tech places... they're down to earth people."

As a testament to the languid shape of boxing, though, all Farrell has to show for his two years of hard work are three victories versus zero losses. The sad fact is, whether because of a lack of youth tournaments or other extenuating circumstances, Farrell hasn't been able to fight any more than that. (There was a time when he could have fought at a sports



bar downtown on a school night, but opted not to.) The owner of his boxing club will take young fighters like Farrell only to tournaments he attends.

When he did fight, at Hawthorne racetrack's Tournament of High School Champs in May, he won all three of his one-minute Olympic style rounds. Beating a De La Salle student with wild, flayed arms required Dan to play no-stick defense to wear his opponent down and cream him with body shots in the last five seconds. In one match, Farrell was forced to move up weight classes to face a 155-lb boxer. Farrell won that fight, and beat a St. Rita Mustang whom Farrell outlasted, finishing strong in the third round.

Aside from the racetrack, fights are usually held at Catholic parishes in the city, though he typically fights kids from an array of suburban high schools, as well. Being the sole representative from his area gives him a sense of pride.

"When I was there, I realized I was the only person from Oak Lawn... (The other boxers) looked at me and said, 'Oak Lawn, we've never heard of you.'... so I was pretty happy with how I represented the place."

Farrell's future plans are still murky, but he definitely wants to continue boxing, honing his natural style. He hopes to fight more this summer, and he'd like to fight in

Oak Lawn presents Employee Recognition Awards

By Matt Mayer

The July 13 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting commenced with the presentation of employee recognition awards. Thirty year awards were presented to: Thomas Zobak, Donald Danielson, and James Burns of the Public Works Department; Twenty-five year awards were presented to: Maureen Guhr, John Harrison, and John Lalla of the Police Department; Twenty year awards were presented to: Lynn Kraus of the Quality Control Department; Thomas Fagan, Michael Annerino and Terry Ellis of the Public Works Department; Fifteen year awards were presented to: Arthur Macatits and William Mannion of the Police Department; Micheal Scott Boman of the Fire Department; Jean Kean of the Quality Control Department; and Curtis Barrows, Ken Ritter, Richard Becola, and Patrick O'Donnell of the Public Works Department.

The board approved a request for the vacation of the 66-foot wide Manor Drive Right-of-way, south of 93rd St. for the Oak Lawn Community High School. A resubdivision of 2 lots at 5748 W. 88th Pl. was also approved, along with a request to waive the bidding process and sell 7 used police department vehicles to the highest bidder, Asia Motors, Inc at 1659 W. Grand Ave, Chicago in the amount of \$30,156.00 and a 1996 Acura SUV for \$3,350.00. A request to waive the bidding procedures, due to no competitive options, and purchase a used street paving machine from Finkbinder Equipment Company Inc in at the amount of \$92,800.00 was also approved. A request for a variation from an equal side yard requirement and front yard setback variation at 8739 New England was approved as well as a request for a variation from equal side yard require-

ment and side yard variation to allow for an attached garage at 10724 Laramie Ave. A subdivision of 3 lots at 9052 S. Nashville Ave was also approved.

An amendment to the Village zoning ordinance expansion of special use for Christ Hospital to construct a new building, which is slated to include new operating rooms, intensive care units, and a medical training auditorium located at the southwest corner of 93rd St and Kilbourn Ave. was approved. A front yard setback variation with a decrease in the parking variation for Christ Hospital was also approved.

The board also announced that Village vehicle stickers are on sale daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The deadline to display the new stickers is Aug 15. The next board meeting is Aug 10.

the golden gloves championships, the popular springboard to pro national fame. "When I'm not boxing, I'm thinking about it or wishing I was doing it," he quipped. Meanwhile, he'll keep training two to three times a week at McGarry's, keeping alive the dreams of a reticent nation of boxing fans as well as his own.



AARP to host driving program

"Fifty Five Alive" is a Defensive Driving Program which will be offered Thursday and Friday, August 26 and 27 (6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 West 97th Street

in Evergreen Park. Attendance is necessary on both days, and class size is limited, so early sign-up is recommended.

Registration is taken at Office of Citizens' Services, or by mail by sending a check in the amount of \$10.00 made payable to AARP to the above address. Include your telephone number with the fee. For further information, call Office of Citizens' Services, 708-422-8776.

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News about our local service personnel

Erin L. Scott has been
commissioned as a second
lieutenant in the U.S. Army
after successfully completing
the Army ROTC (Reserve
Officer Training Corps) pro-
gram and graduating with a
bachelor's degree from Illi-
nois State University, Nor-

mal.

The new officer will be
branched to a specific corps
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they are driven to achieve
success with their team on
every mission.

Scott is the daughter of
Lynn T. and Jay E. Scott of
W. 174th Place, Tinley Park,
Ill.

She is a 1999 graduate of
Tinley Park High School.

Army Pvt. Shay K. Wil-
son has graduated from basic
infantry training at Fort
Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the eight weeks of
training, the soldier received
training in drill and ceremo-
nies, weapons, map reading,
tactics, military courtesy,
military justice, physical fit-
ness, first aid, and Army his-
tory, core values and tradi-
tions. Additional training in-
cluded development of basic
combat skills and battlefield
operations and tactics, and
experiencing use of various
weapons and weapons de-
fenses available to the infan-
try crewman.

Wilson is the son of Leta
Wilson of Arrowhead Trace,
Oak Forest, Ill.

In 1998, the soldier
graduated from Tinley Park
High School, Ill.

Civilian Kevin M. Shotas,
son of Jeanine M. and
Vincent M. Shotas of Oak
Lawn, Ill., recently partici-
pated in the U.S. Naval
Academy's week-long sum-
mer seminar program in An-
napolis, Md.

During the program,
Shotas was introduced to
academy life through a
regimen of academics, phys-
ical training, intramural
sports, sailing and
seamanship, as well as lead-
ership training and social
activities.

The summer seminar pro-
gram was designed by the
U.S. Naval Academy's
office of admissions to give
students a taste of the chal-
lenges and benefits of a Na-
val Academy education.
Shotas is currently attending
Brother Rice High School.

Surviving spouses of veterans face benefit deadline

The Department of Vet-
erans Affairs (VA) wants to
ensure that surviving
spouses of deceased veter-
ans are aware of an ap-
proaching deadline that
may affect entitlement to
Dependency and Indemnity
Compensation (DIC) ben-
efits.

Last year, President
Bush signed Public Law
108-183, the "Veterans
Benefits Act of 2003,"
which restores entitlement
to DIC and related home
loan and education benefits
for surviving spouses who
remarry on or after their
57th birthdays.

VA officials are con-
cerned that surviving
spouses may not be aware
of this change in law, or
may overlook this benefit if
their subsequent marriage
has not ended.

Generally, VA pays DIC
to the surviving spouses of
military servicemembers
who die while on active
duty, and to surviving
spouses of veterans whose
death resulted from service-
related causes.

The basic monthly rate is
\$967 and is increased if the
surviving spouse has de-
pendents, is housebound, or
meets criteria common to
those who need a home
aide. Additional payments
are made for those with de-
pendent children. Parents
who were dependent upon
the servicemember's in-
come also may qualify for
DIC.

Under previous law, sur-
viving spouses who remar-
ried were not eligible for
DIC unless their marriages
ended. At that time they
could apply for reinstatement
of benefits.

Under the new law, sur-
viving spouses who remar-

ried after age 57 and before
Dec. 16, 2003, have a lim-
ited time to apply for resto-
ration of DIC.

Surviving spouses have
one year from the date the
new law was enacted (Dec.
16, 2003) to apply for res-
toration of benefits. If VA
receives the application
later than Dec. 15, 2004,
restoration of DIC must be
denied.

The one-year applica-
tion period does not apply
to other surviving spouses
whose remarriage on or af-
ter attaining age 57 fol-
lowed enactment of the law.

For more information on
restoration of DIC, call
VA's toll free number at 1-
800-827-1000 or visit the
nearest VA regional office.
Office locations can be
found in the blue pages of
local telephone directories.

People who are hearing
impaired should call VA at
1-800-829-4833 by use of
a telecommunications de-
vice for the deaf (TDD).

More information on
benefits and services is
available at VA's Internet
Web site at www.va.gov.

New Motorcoach tour explores historic Illinois sites

Scheduled for Saturday
and Sunday, August 21-22,
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minus of the Lincoln High-
way in Illinois, travels west
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north through Aurora, then
west through the beautiful
rural and agricultural set-
tings, onward to the Missis-
sippi River, along with with
special stops at Dixon at the
boyhood home of President

Ronald Reagan, and
paddlewheel cruises on both
the Mississippi and Illinois
Rivers. Refreshments and
snacks are provided through-
out. The tour stops along
the route in DeKalb, Illinois
for lunch at the historic
Elwood House, at Franklin
Grove at the Lincoln High-
way Association and Mu-
seum, then to Dixon to visit
the boyhood home of Presi-
dent Ronald Reagan.

Reaching the mighty Mis-
sissippi, the tour will cross
the river for overnight ac-
commodations at The Lodge

in Bettendorf, IA, a classic
Bavarian lodge in the Ger-
man tradition. When every-
one is settled in, it is on to a
wonderful dinner cruise on a
stern-wheeler on the Missis-
sippi River.

The next morning, August
22, features breakfast at the
Lodge, a stop at Lock # 14
on the I & M Canal in
LaSalle, and a visit to the
LaSalle county Museum in
Utica. Then on to Starved
Rock State Park in Ottawa
for a guided tour and another
reiverboat cruise on the Illi-
nois River followed by lunch
at the Starved Rock State
Park lodge. This tour is \$289
per person (based on double
occupancy plus taxes and
gratuities. For reservations,
please call Seecago Tours at
708-367-0875.

NARFE Southwest to meet at Oak Lawn Municipal Building

The National Association
of Retired Federal Employees
Southwest Chicago Metro
Chapter 1106 holds monthly
meetings at the Oak Lawn
Municipal Building, 9946
South Raymond Avenue

(5300 west). Their next meet-
ing will be Wednesday, July
21, 2004 at 10 a.m. NARFE
accepts all current federal em-
ployees, federal retirees,
spouses of federal employees
and retirees, and survivors into

membership. At the meeting,
members are given the latest
updates on legislation that af-
fects the federal employee and
retirees community. There is
usually a guest speaker as well.
For more information, come to
the meeting or call John C. Al-
lar at 708-458-4990.

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The Mount Greenwood Garden Club is hosting their annual garden walk, July 25, from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be a Rosarian giving a demonstration on propagating roses from cuttings at 1:30 pm. The walk starts at 10824 S. St. Louis, Chicago. Tickets are \$7. For more info, call Donna at 773 / 233-6121

Meet the 'Twisted Sisters' of Palos Olympic Health Club

By Carlene O'Connor

Meet a wonderful group of ladies from the water walking class of the Palos Olympic Health Club and

you will be impressed.

These women are unique in that they have founded a club of women who really stick together. As one member put it, "They are always right there to help each other and act as spa



sisters, just like regular sisters do.

Each day they get together for a family coffee and chat session after class to strengthen their bonds. The sisters bring homemade treats and share them with other members of the health club.

The name "Twisted Sisters" came from body parts that get twisted up in the locker room while dressing, such as the knees, hips, and appendages. This made them originally think of themselves as "Twisted Spa

Sisters," but that name was soon shortened to its present name.

Every year Ray and Pat Blevins host a barbeque for all the ladies at their home. This year the theme was "Calendar Girls," a spoof on the 2003 movie. The ladies wore elaborate costumes for each month of the year, and pictures were taken as they posed, which is certain to be a keepsake.

All the ladies love their teachers. Chris Duba is excellent and has won teaching awards. She is

highly trained and is in top shape. Duba is very senior-friendly in her choice of material and is currently adding more Tai Chi classes.

Crystal Neal is a former Bulls Lovable and is currently a hard-working college student. She is great at teaching class and is in high demand, always bringing new ideas to the club.

The ladies are always welcoming newcomers. For more information, please call (708) 974-1900.

Burbank Park District's 1st Annual Dive-In Movie

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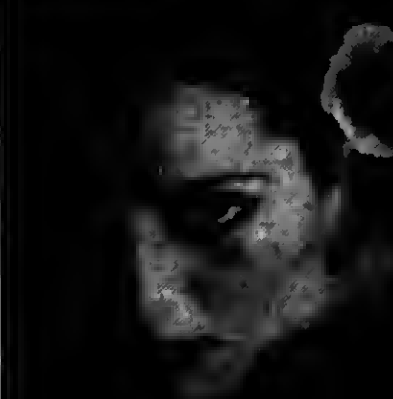
Questions? Call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070

One Theater Company presents The Baker's Wife

Peter Kevoian, from the original Broadway cast of "Phantom of the Opera," along with other credits including "Cats," "Ragtime," and "Oliver," will star in One Theater Company's presentation of "The Baker's Wife." One Theater Company, an active member of

the League of Chicago Theaters, presents "The Baker's Wife." It is an intriguing narrative by Steven Schwartz and Joseph Stein set in 1930 in a French village delving into ideas of love, lust, and morality. Kevoian himself is looking forward to his work with enormous anticipation and hopes that the collaboration over the summer will give Chicago audiences something to be proud of, as well as give them an opportunity to discover the gem that Schwartz created in the 70's.

The production runs from July 23 to Aug 7, 2004 at the Athenaeum Main Stage Theater in Chicago



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Oak Lawn unveils future home of Children's Museum

The Village of Oak Lawn, the Oak Lawn Children's Museum, and a joint venture between Mid-America/Morningside Group are pleased to announce a cooperative effort to build a permanent home for the Oak Lawn Museum.

As illustrated by the architect, the new permanent home of the museum will be incorporated into the site plan of the proposed train station development. The Children's Museum will occupy approximately 11,000 square feet of space on the second floor of the new commercial building. This space will be specifically designed for the Museum's operations and exhibits.

Michael Nortman, Vice-President with Mid-America stated "We are privileged to have the opportunity to participate in the creation of a new Oak Lawn Children's Museum." Kevin Dyball, Construction Manager with Morningside and for this project, acted as the contractor for the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier. Kevin stated, "I was exposed to the unbridled joy and enthusiasm that the kids experience in an interactive learning environment. Oak

Lawn Town Center will be enhanced by the vitality of this new component to the redevelopment program."

The addition of the Children's Museum to the train station development offers many benefits. The Museum will gain a brand new location built to the proper size in the Town Center. The Museum will have access to the new parking deck which will meet their needs on busy weekends. The Village gains the prestige of having a first rate attraction in the heart of Oak Lawn. Under this proposal, the Children's Museum will own this space as the result of a donation or lease it from the Village for one dollar. The ultimate financial structure will be determined jointly by Mid-America/Morningside venture and the Village of Oak Lawn.

This joint effort between the Village, the Children's Museum and Mid-America is only possible because of the opportunities offered by the train station development and the use of a Tax Increment Financing District. Without this financial engine, it would be impossible to construct the proposed museum.

"We are thrilled to be part of this project," says Execu-

tive Director Elizabeth Gelman. "At our present location we have been overwhelmed by children and families eager to play and learn at our interactive exhibits. This expanded facility will give up the opportunity to create even more wonderful exhibits and programs and truly serve the children in the Southland area."

"Being able to expand so quickly is like a dream come true," says Cathy Cepican, Museum Board Chairman. "We can't thank the Village of Oak Lawn and the Mid-America/Morningside Group enough for including us in this development."

Prior to this date, the proposed development in the Town Center was identified as the Train Station Commuter Parking Lot. From this day forward, the proposed development will be called "The Children's Museum at Oak Lawn Station."

Picnic open to all

This Sunday, July 25th, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland welcomes all members and visitors to come out for a fun filled afternoon of food, music and games. Bingo and raffles will be held. Church starts at 10:30 am and the picnic follows at noon. Call 708 / 448-9697 for info.

DeVry University to hold open house

DeVry University invites prospective students to an open house on Saturday, July 24 at its Chicago, Addison, and Tinley Park campuses. For all three campuses, a tour will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a presentation at 10:30 a.m.

This event includes a tour of the facility, along with the opportunity to have questions answered by DeVry representatives regarding curricula, financial aid, and career services.

DeVry at Chicago offers bachelor's degree programs in electronics engineering technology, computer engineering technology, computer information systems, network and communications management, technical management, and business administration. An associate degree program in electronics and computer technology is also available.

Two Oak Lawn Policemen Graduate

Oak Lawn Police Department announces graduation Sgt. John Harrison and Sgt. Robert Johnson from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University.

The ten-week Staff and Command program provides upper-level college instruction with the major topics of study including management, organizational behavior, human resources for law enforcement, budgeting, staffing allocation, and personnel development. Upon completion students may be awarded a total of twenty-one college credit hours.

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Warning signs for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm are steady, vague pain in the lower back, a pulsing and/or tender mass in the abdomen,

an unexplained feeling of fullness after eating very little, or a lack of blood flow

to a body part.

For information about screenings, please call 1-800-710-1902

strength;

In recognition of her exemplary work, the Hospital has officially named the Library in her honor-The Ellyn Rose Cronin Community Resource Library-on June 24, 2004.

The beautiful library provides books, pamphlets, support materials, and Internet stations to the patients, as well as the entire community. Ellyn developed the collection herself, ensuring valuable information on all forms of cancer and therapies and transforming the Center recently to a lending library.

Little Company of Mary Hospital Dedicates Library

One of the cancer patients of Little Company of Mary Hospital was hired full-time as the Center's first Patient Advocate. Ellyn Cronin, of Chicago Beverly neighborhood, was recently honored

for her outstanding contribution to the creation of the Cancer Center's Community Resource Library. Ellyn has shared both tears and laughter with numerous patients, while remaining a pillar of

Letters to the Editor

The Village of Oak Lawn continues to enjoy new commercial development throughout our community. New retailers such as Starbucks, Home Depot, Pot Bellys and Portillos have all recently opened. TGI Fridays, Archer Bank and Panera Bread are all currently under construction. The 51st Avenue Station building, which includes 10,000 square feet of retail space, as well as sixty luxury condominiums has also started construction. The new train station and commuter lot development which will include 11,000 square feet of retail space and eighty luxury condominiums is scheduled for construction next year.

Based upon all of this development, it is easy to see that Oak Lawn remains an extremely vibrant community. This has been true for many years. Oak Lawn has enjoyed growth, development and redevelopment throughout our history.

Many years ago vacant farm land gave way to a drive-in theater, a roller rink, and a variety of other commercial establishments. Over time, many businesses have come and gone but new investment has consistently blessed our village.

To maintain this commercial success, the Village Board has approved a number of new plans and programs. Some of these plans have included incentives to attract businesses such as Home Depot, Starbucks, and Portillo's. These new businesses along with TGI Fridays and Panera Bread have been identified by residents as needed additions to our business district.

At the same time, the Village Board has also approved the plans and programs which help our existing small businesses. Our low interest loan program has provided incentives to over fifty small businesses in

Oak Lawn. Locally owned businesses such as Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe, Christopher John Florist and C & L Lighting have all used this program.

In closing, some people may disagree with some of the Village plans. I believe that the Village Board has worked hard to balance the needs of the whole community. I believe that a vibrant community requires a vibrant business district. Not every decision can be universally understood but the on-going investment in Oak Lawn is clearly a continuation of our historical success and a good sign for our future.

Ronald M. Stancik,
Acting Village of Oak Lawn President

As Cook County Recorder of Deeds, I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date as to what has been going on in the Recorder's Office. I have, with great pride, moved this office into the 21st century, which I think is the hallmark of my administration.

The hidden system of recording, Torrens system and duplicate document requirements, has been replaced with the latest in computer technology. The Torrens system has been repealed and Torrens certificates have been administratively converted to Deeds. No longer do you need to tender duplicate documents for recording, while you wait 3-6 weeks for the return of the original document. The original document is bar coded and scanned into the Recorder's data base and the cashing station and original document is returned to you.

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you will also have the option of recording documents online through the Recorder of Deeds Office's new E-File System, providing you have the appropriate computer equipment and you are registered to use the E-File System.

Those of you who are curious enough to want to know if there are liens of any kind recorded on your property, you can now conduct an annual examination of your property online. You will not be able to print the documents because the State Legislature is working out the financial nuances of the system, however, there will be a savings to the taxpayer. No longer will you be required to physically visit the main or satellite office for your recording needs, nor will you be faced with escalating parking fees. After logging onto the Recorder's website, you enter your permanent index number or PIN, and all recording against the PIN assigned to the property will be listed in Chronological order indicating the character of the recording i.e. federal, state and all local government liens, mechanical lien, mortgage and related documents.

As your Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, I desire to give you this new access to the Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office, which gives the property owner an early opportunity to challenge or correct erroneous filings, all from the convenience of your home or office. The office website is Cookcty recorder.com, and for those who have not gotten onto the information superhighway, you may visit the main or satellite office or contact the Recorder's Office at 312-603-5050.

Eugene "Gene" Moore
Recorder of Deeds/Registrar of Torrens Titles
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Antidepressants should not be avoided in treatment of pregnant women

Dr. Nicole Cirino, Director of Women's Mental Health Program at Loyola University Health System, who specializes in treatment in pregnant women who have postpartum depression, postpartum blues, and premenstrual disorders, says doctors may be afraid to treat women who are breast-feeding with antidepressants; however she says no study has shown an increased risk of congenital malformations or serious side effects. Cirino said between 12-20% of pregnant women are depressed, yet the diagnosis often goes undetected. "It is extremely important to recognize the symptoms and know how to treat depression in this group of women, so that both mother and baby are safe," she said.

Research has shown that untreated depression during pregnancy and postpartum can result in negative effects

on the fetus and in children, including low birth weight, low head circumference, and later difficulty in socializing and a lower IQ.

Symptoms of depression in pregnant women include a persistent depressed or irritable mood that can last up to two weeks, difficulty sleeping and concentrating, lack of appetite, suicidal thoughts, low energy and obsessive guiltiness. Postpartum blues occurs during the first seven days of delivery

and is characterized by excessive crying, being emotional, and feeling isolated. Patients need to have 5 of the 9 symptoms to be diagnosed. Studies show that the United States has a higher incidence of postpartum depression than any other country in the world. A shorter maternity leave, and the need to return to work to help with the income and a fragile support system with other family members living out of State are credited with the higher incidence.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for July 20th through August 1st:

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi") in *TheDailyPsychic.Com* or *JackiMari.Com*

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: It is a good time to review what you do for a living...are you satisfied with what you do and what you earn? M and W involved.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Pat yourself on the back for a job well done! This has been a productive week and will prove true to you. F involved and a D.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: It is time for another of those decisions that you make so well. This time it concerns money to be spent! D and B help. *Numi says:* There is nothing wrong with asking for help when you need it. Others do!

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: If there is nothing else that can convince you that you are on the right track, try hearing it from superiors! J helps and a B.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: With a little help from your angels you can surely make a difference in people's eyes. You can be a hero! C involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You seem sure that you have things in perspective! Well, there is another problem yet to be solved. S aids. *Numi says:* You'll find "it" soon and it seems to have been misplaced, not stolen. Look in clothing!

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: K, C and someone W could become involved in your finance concerns. Be ready to make statements and clear the air. L helps.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You'll know for sure that you are being helped by "divine" sources. Know that health improves and money comes.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: Read the above message and add this: when it comes to being "special," know that you are. Heaven smiles on you. H involved. *Numi says:* You find peace and comfort in prayer and having faith in what you believe in.

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Are you Interested in what really happened in the Laci Peterson Case? My ShortFile on this case should be out now...check my websites to see about availability [scheduled to be \$9.95 as PDF file, may be available as book and cassette also]. I think it'll surprise you!

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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights:

Sex, Drugs & Politics

Where do they find the people that run for political office? Now you will hear that the Democratic candidate for Senator was involved with cocaine! J. Ryan had sex fantasies. Our previous president was impeached and involved in using our White House like a motel room for sex. JFK was known to have "hot babes" quietly brought into the White House to fulfill his sexual lusts. Let's go back to Thomas Jefferson, who also had trouble in his presidency because he had sex with a slave, namely Sally Hemmings, and that he had fathered several of her children. Let's also go back to when people came to America and formed the colonies. Laws were enforced to forbid having sex with animals! Some people became infected with syphilis, especially the raped Indian women, by white men. Sexual misconduct can be the downfall of candidates. Sex and drug abuse can dominate political outcomes, right? Right!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Community Events Calendar

Event Information: Peace Corps information Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 21st, 2004 Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Moraine Valley Community College; Building C; Moraine Room #2

Please RSVP to Jamie Diatta jdiatta@peacecorps.gov 312-353-1126

For more information about the Peace Corps, visit www.peacecorp

The 75th Anniversary of St. Gerald School and the 70th Anniversary of St. Gerald Parish will be celebrated the weekend of September 18 and 19th. The 75 Year All School Reunion will begin at 3:00p.m. with a school open house, (9320 S. 55th Ct.) outdoor Mass at 5:00p.m. followed by a picnic with fun and games for all. Sunday, September 19th, lunch will be at the Oak Lawn Hilton. For more information and tickets, please call 708-422-2194.



Photo shows Elizabeth Ann O'Connor, Maureen O'Connor, Paul Connell, the lead in "Don't Drink the Water," and Marijo Doody, theater critic

Take a Cool Dip with Woody Allen's "Don't Drink the Water"

By Elizabeth Ann O'Connor

This play is a marvelously, humorous satirical farce about an average American family on vacation in a remote communist country during the "Cold War" era. When they are accused of spying, they seek refuge in an American Embassy where things are left in the hands of the ambassador's very inept son.

In the course of events, so much fun and silliness breaks out with the actors doing an exceptional job; it is nonstop action and laughs throughout the play. Paul Connell who plays Walter Hollander the main star, is superb.

If one wants to sit back and relax at a very lovely theater, newly renovated and well decorated, then a good choice is Pheasant Run.

"Don't Drink the Water" runs until September 5, 2004. For tickets call 630-584-6342. Dinner shows and overnight packages are also available. Pheasant Run Theater is located in St. Charles, IL at 4051 E. Main Street.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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21 BIRTHDAY CANDLES

From watching as a determined toddler struggles to blow out the lone candle on their first birthday cake, to decorating a young adult's with 21 candles, I'm having a hard time wrapping my mind around the reality that my baby will very shortly turn 21, a legal aged adult.

A big birthday bash is being planned to honor this milestone in our daughter Katie's life.

We've been down this road, once before, when our eldest daughter, Jaime, celebrated her arrival into adulthood about two years ago.

We sure surprised Jaime with a party in a hall, where all her friends and family stood anxiously waiting for her to come walking through the closed doors, and then, SURPRISE!!!

I was remembering all this the other day in my mad hunt to find the huge box of decorations we so wisely saved. In the box were a few banners declaring the Big 21 that is the number of honor.

There were also a few rolls of unopened, glittery ribbon which surely wouldn't be going to waste this time around.

Planning that first 21st birthday bash, I envisioned an abundance of balloons, each attached to a piece of ribbon that would give the room a magical touch of whimsy. We had little time for celebrating, what with hosting the party and all. But, as the night came to a close, and we said good night to our guests, my husband Bill and I looked up to the ceiling and wondered what to do with the room full of balloons still

ceremoniously hugging the ceiling.

We each gathered up the ribbons, handful by handful, and walked outside. There, in the moonlight of a crisp, autumn night, we released the balloons and held hands as we witnessed yet another milestone on our journey on the road of family life. I remember standing there in silence, in awe of the bounty of balloons filling up the starry sky, my heart bursting with joy.

And here we are, once again, privileged to be planning another 21st commemoration. We'll spend the afternoon filling balloons from a helium tank and tying the ribbons to them until our fingers ache. We'll once again welcome the duties of hosting a gathering of family and friends who will help us reminisce about the two decades that got us here. But, when the party's over, that's when the real celebrating will take place for us.

Hand in hand we'll walk out into the stillness of a July evening, accompanied by another batch of brightly colored balloons. We'll count to three before releasing our bundles skyward. And, for each balloon that floats towards heaven there will be a prayer of thanks sent with it, to a loving God who has gifted our lives with so much grace and meaning. And, his mother will cling to the belief that the helium of hope will forever fill our hearts with love, joy and gratitude.

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Pet owners in Oak Lawn and surrounding areas now have an alternative choice for pet care during their vacations, business travel, and work. Jeanne Tucker, a member of Pet Sitters International, has opened All TLC Pet Service. This unique service provides in-home pet care as an alternative to kennels. The pet service is bonded and insured. Some services offered are taxi service, in-home plant care, taking in mail and newspapers, and rotating lights. This service allows clients to leave home with a

peace of mind, knowing their pets and home are in responsible care.

The grand-opening special in the month of July is a 10% discount off three visits or more, and referrals of three or more. For more information, contact Jeanne Tucker at All TLC Pet Service at (708) 636-9826.



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TheBigDrop Offers a New, Effortless Way to Sell on eBay

TheBigDrop announces the opening of its first eBay drop off store in the south suburbs of Chicago. Located in Palos Heights, IL, TheBigDrop announces the opening of its first eBay drop off store in the south suburbs of Chicago. Located in Palos Heights, IL, TheBigDrop is a new concept in online sales that offers a simple and convenient way to sell items on eBay. Drop off stores, similar to TheBigDrop, are very popular on the East and West Coasts and have become the hottest and easiest way to sell online. Anyone can now sell on eBay by simply dropping off their new or used items at TheBigDrop store. When items are dropped off, TheBigDrop takes all photographs of the items, creates an eBay listing, handles the payment processing, and takes care of all shipping and returns. If the item sells, a check is sent directly to the customer from TheBigDrop through the mail.

No payment is necessary when dropping off an item. Instead, TheBigDrop charges a variable commission only once the item is sold. Commission rates range between 10 and 34 percent, and higher priced items have lower commission fees. Items worth over \$2000 have a negotiable commission rate and cars, boats, and RV's are sold at a flat rate of 10%, earning the seller more than on a comparable trade in. TheBigDrop will sell anything that is legal on eBay, typically weighing under 150lbs, although vehicles and some other large items are an exception. There is a huge range of items that can be sold on eBay, including: Antiques, Consumer Electronics, Pottery & Glass, Art, Crafts, Real Estate, Cars, Dolls & Bears, Specialty Services, Books, DVDs & Movies, Sporting Goods & Fan Shop, Business & Industrial, Entertainment Memorabilia, Sports Cards & Memorabilia, Cameras & Photo,

Health & Beauty, Stamps, Clothing, Shoes & Accessories, Home & Garden, Tickets, Coins, Jewelry & Watches, Toys & Hobbies, Collectibles, Music, Travel, Computers & Networking, Musical Instruments, Video Games. TheBigDrop will sell almost anything worth more than \$50 on eBay.

"We believe that people have valuable possessions but don't have the time to sell them themselves," said Matthew Haak, owner of TheBigDrop. "Some people are paying for storage on items or have collectibles and no longer have any use for them. Others, have electronics and musical instruments lying around their house that are not being used. We believe that in this economy, people would appreciate the extra cash in their pockets rather than paying for storage or holding on to their unused goods. Individuals in the online community are looking to buy the very items that many of us would throw away or attempt to sell at a garage sale. Unfortunately, we are rarely able to sell items for their full value at garage sales. That's why TheBigDrop and eBay provides such a valuable service. We turn peoples' treasures into cash."

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TheBigDrop also provides ways for nonprofits to benefit. Individuals can drop off items at TheBigDrop and pass on the proceeds to their charity of choice.

TheBigDrop is located at West 127th Street; Palos Heights, Illinois. Their store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Call, (708) 371-7921 or visit www.thebigdrop.com.



Worth Township July meeting: Annette Dixon, Publisher, Jean Gergets Senior Coordinator Worth Township Seniors and Marijo Doody, Theater Editor for Village View.

The Big Drop Interview

Q: Tell me a little about the new business.

A: We are one of the first eBay drop off stores in the Chicagoland area. Our first store is located in Palos Heights.

Q: What is a drop off store?

A: A drop off store is a totally new concept in online sales. It is a brick and mortar store where people can drop off items that they want to sell on eBay.

Q: If I had an item that I wanted to sell what would I have to do?

A: Simply bring your item in to the store!

Q: What do you do with the item that gets dropped off?

A: First we research the item to give our customers a general idea of how much it is worth on eBay. After the customer consents to the sale, we take the item in for safekeeping. Then we take all necessary pictures of the item, comprehensively research the item and create a web page listing that will be posted on eBay, and handle all of the email correspondence with eBayers who are interested in purchasing the item. After the item is sold, we take care of all the complicated steps involved in the payment process and package item with care. Approximately 3-4 weeks after the item was dropped off, the customer's check will arrive in their mail. We simply take a small commission out of the sale for all our hard work. Sound neat, good luck!

Worth Township Senior meeting shares stories

The July meeting of the Worth Township Seniors featured stories from the book "Italian American Women of ChicagoLand" presented by two of the authors, Marijo Doody and Annette Dixon. In addition, Fourth of July songs were sung and the story of Yankee Doodle by Dr. Richard Shuckburge was presented.

The next Worth Township Senior meeting is August 6, 2004, at 11:30am. The annual picnic will be presented. The menu consists of hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, fruit salad and coffee or tea. Snow Cones and popcorn will be available. There will be bingo with prizes.

Green City Market has benefit

On Wed., July 28, from 5:30pm until 8pm, meet with Chicago's top chefs, and enjoy fresh produce! More than twenty local chefs will participate in the Chef BBQ by preparing grilled seasonal foods. The Market site is located at the south end of Lincoln Park, just north of the parking lot between 1750 N. Clark and Stockton Dr. Take the 22 or 36 CTA bus. Tickets are \$50 at the door.

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Grilled Pot Roast
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Grill a pot roast?

Grilling an unlikely pot roast is an easy and delicious way to enjoy flavorful chuck pot roast without heating up the kitchen. Since pot roast requires slow cooking in liquid you may wonder how the cut adapts to grilling. Here's how.

It's accomplished with indirect grilling, not the more intense heat that results from cooking over coals.

Begin by placing the beef chuck roast, seasonings and veggies in an aluminum foil cooking bag or tightly wrapped foil. Then enter the foil pouch on the cooking grid with the heat from the coals or burners coming from the sides, not from underneath—hence indirect grilling. Allow pot roast to cook covered for a couple of hours. No peeking. If you use a charcoal grill you may need extra briquets if needed during cooking.

To add an extra touch of summer, toss veggies with fragrant fresh basil before serving.

Grilled Pot Roast Piperade

1 boneless beef chuck shoulder 2 1/2 pound pot roast
foil for cooking 1 tbs flour
2 tbs minced garlic
1 tbs mixed ground peppercorns, black or white
1 medium onion cut into 8 wedges
1 medium red and 1 yellow bell pepper cut into 2-inch wide strips
1/2 cup beef broth 2 tbs fresh basil
salt and pepper to taste

Sprinkle inside of foil bag with flour. Combine garlic and peppercorns. Press evenly onto all surfaces of the beef roast. Place pot roast in bag. Add onion, bell peppers and beef broth. Seal bag by double folding the open end. Place bag in shallow pan. Prepare grill for indirect cooking by igniting an equal number of briquets on each side of the fire grate, leaving open space in center.

When coals are medium, ash covered (25 to 30 minutes), add 3 to 4 new briquets to each side. Place foil drip pan in center of grate between coals. Position grid with handles over coals, so briquets may be added as needed.

Remove pouch from shallow pan and place on grid over

drip pan. Grill, covered, 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until meat is fork tender. Add 3 to 4 briquets per side every 30 minutes to maintain heat level. Remove pouch from grill to shallow pan. Using oven mitts, cut open bag with sharp knife. Fold back top of bag to allow steam to escape. Remove vegetables and toss with basil in bowl. Carve into slices. Season beef and veggies with salt and pepper if desired.

"Taste of Orland Park" To Showcase Orland Park Cuisine

Turn off the oven and don't light the grill! Let the restaurants of Orland Park do the cooking, July 30 through August 1, at the Village of Orland Park's very first Taste of Orland Park. A number of Orland Park eateries have signed on to participate in the three day festival focused on all that Orland Park offers in dining excellence.

Orland Park eateries that will be showcased at the village's first "Taste of Orland Park" include 94 West; Café Gaston; Champps; El Cortez; Fox's Orland Park Restaurant & Pub; Kelly's Seafood and Chicken; Mo's Chinese Kitchen; Oberweis; Orland Park Liquors; Palermo's; Papa Joes; Quizno's; Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory; Sam Maguire's and Taj Mahal.

"Orland Park is the place to be this summer," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Our Summer Entertainment Series began in mid-June. We have the Arts Commission's Fine Art Fair July 17 and 18 and our first Taste of Orland Park at the end of July," the mayor noted. "You don't have to travel far to enjoy some outstanding family events.

They're all right here — in Orland Park," McLaughlin added.

Orland Park Village Trustees James Dodge and Patricia Gira are serving as the Village Board's liaisons for Orland Park's first "Taste." Dodge was instrumental in developing the plan to allow alcohol to be sold at the event while Gira has been directly involved with staff planning the event.

Dodge said, "We're very excited to show all that Orland Park has to offer in food, entertainment and community organizations. At the Taste, different establishments will offer wine, beer and other alcoholic beverages for sampling, adding to the overall atmosphere of

the Taste," he added.

"Mayor McLaughlin has said that Orland Park is becoming a dining destination," Gira said, "Orland Park's Taste is a wonderful way to showcase what great restaurants we have."

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor LeeAnn Fisk is coordinating the many facets of the event. Fisk and Sportsplex Membership Coordinator Teena Mackey both worked on the Taste of Joliet when they worked for the Joliet Park District.

"Along with showcasing the village's restaurants, the Taste of Orland Park will include main stage entertainment, community stage entertainment and booths hosted by a number of civic organizations, churches and sponsoring businesses," Fisk explained.

Mackey echoed, "We'll have food, drinks, music and more — all of the elements to make a perfect outdoor summer festival."

A number of community groups and sponsoring businesses will host informational booths at Orland Park's Taste including the

Midwest Chapter of the Batten Disease Support and Research Association, Central Credit Union of Illinois, Cook County Treasurer's Office, Daily Southtown and Star Newspapers, Orland Bowl, Orland Park Public Library, Orland Township and the Orland Park United Methodist Church.

Community booths will also be hosted by Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, ReMax In The Park, Rest Haven Christian Services, Saint Xavier University, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, St. Michael Catholic Church and Triple A Chicago Motor Club.

The Taste of Orland Park will be held on the grounds of the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue, one block west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45, on Friday, July 30, from 6p.m. to 10p.m.; Saturday, July 31 from 11a.m. to 10p.m. and Sunday, August 1 from 12p.m. to 6p.m.

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Amusements & Theater

By Marijo Doody

Jazzin' at the Shedd celebrates 10th year

July 22 Bill Porter and Rich Fudoli Quintet. Bill Porter, who is a virtuoso trombonist, vocalist and irrepressible joke teller, embodies the history and tradition of great classic jazz. Joining Bill is a legend of Chicago jazz, the incomparable Rich Fudoli, on flute, tenor and soprano sax.

July 29 Detour with Phil Seed; Detour is the sound of Chicago urban jazz. The band's music is built on a foundation of funk blended with melodic contemporary and swinging classic, then cooked to a searing serving of original jazfunk. Detour brings jazz into the 21st century, combines the eclectic guitar and vocals of Phil Seed with deep grooving drums and vocals of Ben "Jammin" Johnson, the funky electric bass of Kenery Kent Smith and the keyboard wizardry of Tim Gant. High-energy contemporary jazz, basement-deep R&B funk and big fun are what a night of Detour is all about.

Jazzin' guests will get a special opportunity to visit Sea Star Quest, Shedd's new special exhibit opening, the most hands-on production ever for Shedd. Kids can give a live sea star a high five, touch a sea ur-

chins tube feet, and meet sea cucumbers, feather stars, and other interesting sea animals in child height displays. Kids can listen to the stars while learning about conservation at different audio posts and walk like the stars or urchins or sand dollars at a special play station.

Guests can also stop by Wild Reef, Shedd's new permanent exhibit where you can come nose-to-nose with the sharks and learn about the secret life of coral.

Jazzin' at the Shedd takes place every Thursday night through August 26; the aquarium stays open until 10 p.m. but the Wild Reef, Oceanarium and the Sea Star Quest will close at 8 p.m. Admission for Jazzin' is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 3-11 and seniors. Wild Reef is an additional \$6 per person. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Jazzin' at the Shedd, groups who purchase 10 tickets will receive one free ticket when they call 312-692-3333. Jazzin' is included with paid admission to the aquarium and as always, Shedd members can "jam" for free.

I'll Never Grow Up

By Marijo Doody

The current Chicago Shakespeare Theater's run

at Navy Pier is "Peter Pan". This successful production in the LaSalle Bank Family Festival of Plays sponsored children plays runs through August 15, 2004. The festival offers affordable, music-filled productions designed for families. Director-choreographer Marc Robin has made a name for himself with a long list of "grown up" musicals he has staged at local theaters.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first stage performance of author J.M. Barrie's classic fairy tale about the boy who wouldn't grow up. This 75-minute piece is packed with humor, action, music and some amazing flying. From the opening scene with Tinkerbell at the window to the final battle between Peter and Hook, children and adults at the Sunday opening were mesmerized.

Peter Pan's sparkling cast, headed by Matt Raftery as Peter, Cristen Paige as Windy, Christine Bunuan as Tinkerbell, and Tim Gregory as Captain Hook, is absolutely magical in the singing, dancing, flying and audience interplay. This is Gregory's first role in a musical at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Raftery makes his debut and Paige returns this year, and has been seen at Drury Lane Oakbrook and Marriott's Theatre in Lincolnshire.



Peter Pan (Matt Raftery- left) spars with Captain Hook (Timothy Gregory- right).

The sets, costumes and actors were all perfect. Robin uses every opportunity for movement from the ballet-like flight scenes, the soft shoe with pirates, to the tango with Peter and Hook. In the seven scenes, Robin captures the basics of Barrie's story with new energy. The songs, under the direction of Alaric Jans, set the right tone.

In the role often played by women (Mary Martin, Cathy Rigby), Peter Pan, Robin uses a male actor, Matt Raftery, that captures the boy's wild, fearless, and egotistical personality. Raftery hits the right note as Peter so cleverly that everyone falls under his spell. With her great vocal skills, Cristin Paige is a charming Wendy and Christine Bunuan is a sparkling whirlwind of silliness.

Sitting in this marvelous theater, one could feel the child within, and who doesn't want to grow up? The adults in the audience

recaptured the child's world in the audience interplay. As usual, Barrie's message resonated with the audience, young and old alike, in different ways. The audience was reminded that staying young at heart, no matter how old you are, is this story's true message.

The current "Peter Pan" follows in the award-winning Chicago director's Marc Robin's tradition of last year's

successes "The Little Mermaid" and "The Wizard of Oz" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater. Performances for "Peter Pan" are scheduled on Wednesday at 11 a.m. and Thursday to Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$15 for children under 12. The box office is 312-595-5600. Navy Pier is easily accessible with free trolley service, public transportation, and parking.

Maloney's bills have been signed into law

Three of State Senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) bills have been signed into law.

House Bill 4023, would permit law enforcement officials to charge individuals who threaten sports officials or coaches with a physical attack can be charged with aggravated assault. Maloney said the legislation "includes referees and umpires refereeing a game at any level of play, from professional sports to T-ball and youth soccer." Individuals convicted of the crime could be

eligible for a term of imprisonment up to one year and a maximum fine of \$2500.

A companion bill, House Bill 4120, requires that anyone convicted of battery of sports officials (actually striking the person) will receive a mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000 for the initial offense and \$2,000 for subsequent offenses. This bill is complimentary legislation to House Bill 4023. All of the fines and penalties addressed by HB 4023 will remain the same.

"As a former official, I

can tell you that referees are an integral part of the game. In the past, the law didn't protect sports officials and coaches regardless of the extent of their injuries. These new laws will make important clarifications to existing law strengthening our ability to send a clearer message that these types of attacks will not be tolerated," Maloney said.

An additional initiative requires that routine inspections for mosquito-borne diseases be conducted by mosquito abatement districts and that information regarding

infections be reported within 24 hours to the local certified public health department.

This legislation stems from problems that occurred during the summer of 2002 during one of the worst outbreaks of the West Nile Virus. At that time, the local mosquito abatement district was experiencing up to a three week lag time between identifying infected areas and reporting it to the local health department. SB 2879 will ensure that health departments are notified in a timely fashion.

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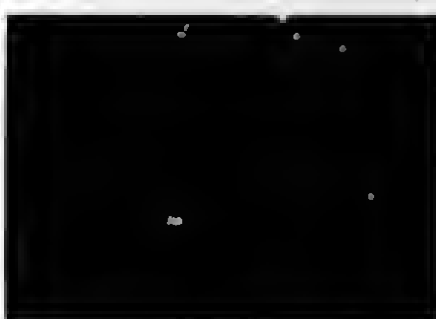
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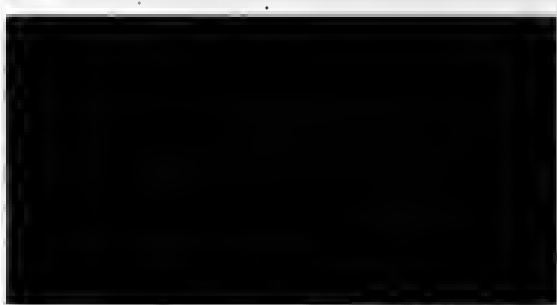
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Oak Forest hails 'under God' part of pledge

By David Vognar

The city of Oak Forest begins every city council meeting the same way. Before getting down to the nitty-gritty of the nuts-and-bolts business of running a town, the aldermen stand tall, place their hands over their hearts and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

But from now on saying the pledge will mean more to the council than ever before.

At its Tuesday, July 13, meeting, Alderman Richard D. Simon proudly read the city's resolution "reaffirming support of the phrase 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Citing the discrepancies over the phrase—which just recently was the epicenter of religious and political controversy—and its portrayal

in today's society, Mayor Patrick Gordon wrote the resolution to rededicate the town's steadfast support for the 1954 version of the pledge, the form most schoolchildren grew up reciting in class.

The phrase 'under God' became a lightning rod for criticism when the Ninth U.S. Court of Appeals in California ruled in June 2002, that having it in the pledge was unconstitutional and a tacit auspice of religion outlawed by the establishment clause of the Constitution's First Amendment.

Though state laws currently encourage students to refrain from saying the phrase upon finding it questionable, in its last term the Supreme Court discarded an atheist's claim that his daughter should not have to say the pledge. The justices

were skeptical of the father's custody rights and thus his right to argue the case.

Oak Forest's move falls in with a new pattern of municipalities and their citizens throughout the state and country airing their opinions about national issues.

Just last month in Orland Park, citizens attempted to stop the initial stages of the creation of a mosque. Although some opponents of the project decried the traffic increases that they felt would logjam traffic in the area, most dissenters glommed on to national fears to explain their opposition. "No group that jeopardizes our personal safety or national security," said Vernon C. Lyons, "is worthy of our tolerance." Like many others at the meeting, Lyons made a connection, though obstreperous, between local and federal issues.

Countering the anti-mosque din was the Orland Park board of trustees, which argued that the town could and should not interfere with

any group's First Amendment right to exercise religion freely.

According to the June 14, 2004 Maine Press-Herald, more than 150 cities nationwide have passed legislation upbraiding the US Patriot Act, saying the increased provisions for wiretapping and FISA court access limit

citizens' civil liberties.

Towns have always interacted with the federal government. Villages and cities alike depend on our federal government system to supply needed funds, like FEMA grants and road construction projects that benefit localities.

However, the recent bevy of unfunded federal man-

dates has many towns has more and more towns raising their voices. Some do so in protest of federal laws, others in support. As evidenced by Oak Forest's strong support of the high court's latest decision, though, local towns are not relegated to the flivver dust of large political decisions.

Orland: 'Yes' to Main Street Village West

By David Vognar

Orland Park officials approved the final site plan on Tuesday, July 6, for their Main Street Village West project, which will eventually house a 12.52-acre plot of commercial, restaurant and office structures at 16202 S. LaGrange Road.

One citizen who lives close to the Main Street Village West development, however, expressed concerns that the project would only exacerbate current traffic woes along 97th Street. "Yesterday, three fire trucks were trying to get (on 97th), and they couldn't get in there," said resident Joseph Benes.

Benes felt that subdividing the land into eight discrete lots—and then attracting the commuters that go with them—would only logjam 97th to a more overt extent. Mayor Daniel McLaughlin attempted to assuage Benes's fears, saying that the petitioner and village staff have devised ways to focus traffic from the development to the north so they will have little reason to go south and render 97th a standstill.

Traffic flowing north, village officials avowed, will have a new stoplight at 161st

Street and LaGrange Road. The signal will hopefully deter any cut-across traffic that might want to use 97th and invariably frustrate Benes and local residents.

Further allaying concerns, McLaughlin cited the fact that within the next two years, 159th and LaGrange Road will have expanded to a nine-lane thoroughfare going north and south, with a trice less running east and west. The roadwork and the development's opening will be approximately coterminous, which would, at bare minimum, relieve 97th Street of drivers trying to shortcut the molasses-like traffic that sometimes takes by the neck roads around LaGrange Road.

The planned improvement at Ravinia and 97th Street, though potentially helpful to ameliorate traffic concerns along 97th Street, probably will not be completed anytime soon. The project does remain somewhat near in the offing, but village officials still have not been able to jawbone with the Archdiocese of Chicago to work out development deals for two of their land plots that jut into the village's plan.

In the first board meeting since the raucous June 21, meeting, in which the village held public hearings on the

annexation of the Orland Park prayer center into the village, Main Street Village West passed unanimously. The village trustees also officially unanimously passed the Orland Park prayer center annexation agreement, drafted by the village attorney, which was the center of a storm of controversy at the last village meeting. The village passed the prayer center's ordinance annexing property code and the center's ordinance granting special use permit.

Briefly, Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin may not be Spiderman, but he heeded the call for help of a nearby neighbor and will act on it. Ford Heights, in dire need of police vehicles for its depleted force, will be receiving

two surplus Orland Park squad cars in the upcoming weeks. After the Orland Park Police culled five excess vehicles the village determined were eligible for auction, the force picked out the best two to donate. The Public Works mechanics will tune up the cars before donation.

In other news, the Orland Park Art Fair, which is expected to attract artists from more as far away as New Mexico, will be held July 17 and 18 at the Village Center Complex, located 14700 South Ravinia.

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Check out Jack
Mari's
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prediction on p.6



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For all Signs for July 20th through August 1st:

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi") in *TheDailyPsychic.Com* or *JackiMari.Com*

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Chicago Ridge strives to calm traffic

By Matt Mayer

Residents voiced traffic concern issues at the July 6. Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Residents from the 109th and Major Ave. area requested board approval for a stop sign at Major Ave. Residents stated that there is only one stop sign at Menard between Central and Austin Ave. and that drivers build up speed between these stop signs. Mayor Gene Siegel stated "This is a dangerous corner and we will install a stop sign there" Police Chief Baldermann stated that when a stop sign is installed, police officers are placed at that site for approximately 10 days while drivers become acquainted with the sign.

Trustee S Quintos outlined the finding of a committee, which was set up at the last meeting, to thoroughly evaluate the area of Barnard and Leslie lane at 104th St. in an effort to calm traffic. The recommendation of the committee was to install removable speed bumps. The committee consisted of Police Chief Baldermann, Village Engineer Chris Burke, Trustee Bruce Quintos, and Resident Eileen Ruhl. Stop

signs were installed at this intersection following the last board meeting. Baldermann reported that 25 citations were issued for failure to stop. Sean Sloan also received the oath of office as a police patrol officer.

The board approved a business license request for Chuck's pizza at 10729 Ridgeland Ave as well as a block party request for the 10900 block of Parkside Ave. A request for a land use study for the east side of Ridgeland Ave and the Tibor property from Ridgeland to Oxford Ave on Birmingham was also approved. The board requested that Village Attorney Witous incorporate a weaver to repel the required \$100 fee for a simple fence in the ordinance.

The board approved the following beer garden organizations for the Ridge Fest - the American Legion and our Lady of the Ridge Athletic Association Men's club. A request from St. Lucia to hold bingo games was also approved. The board approved the seal coating and striping of the Pulver lot at 103rd and Ridgeland Ave in the amount of \$1,200 to \$1,500. This lot is used for commuter use and is Village expenditure per the agreement.

The board approved the purchase of 2 computers in the amount of \$3,600 for the municipal building. Oxford 105th to Washington, will be blocked off on July 24th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the bike racers stunt show and car show.

St. Francis Hospital and Life Line Screening will be in Chicago Ridge on Aug 11. This event is in partnership and sponsored by St. Francis hospital and Health Center and the Village of Chicago Ridge. This is a preventative program. People 40 years and over are encouraged to participate and the program is open to the public. These non-invasive, painless, ultrasound screenings take approximately 10 minutes each.

Each of the 3 vascular tests are offered for \$45, or all 3 tests for \$99 Life Line also offers a bone density screening test for the early detection of osteoporosis for \$35. All 4 tests are \$125. Pre - registration is required. Further information and appointments may be obtained by calling 1-800-407-4557. The Tuesday Oct 19. Board of Trustees meeting will be changed to Monday Oct 18th.

Good times at annual Palos Fest

Mayor Bennett once again hosted a successful event this year by offering vendors and entertainment of the highest quality. The crowds were especially captivated by Bob West, Elvis impersonator. The fireworks display that took place on Sunday, July 11 at dusk, seemed to rival those of Navy Pier.

Palos Heights examines traffic control measures

By Carlene O'Connor

Commencing the July 6, 2004 board meeting of Palos Heights, Mayor Bob Straz commended Bill DeLeo of the Hillig House of Color, located at 12345 S. Harlem Ave., for his donation of paint and stain for the town's gazebo. Mayor Straz then proceeded to name July 16, 2004 the National Atomic Veteran's Day of Remembrance.

After the opening, two residents addressed the council, expressing concern over traffic control in the local area. They called for a radar gun, a survey, and stop signs to be more thoroughly

posted. The Public Safety Committee would consider all of these suggestions.

A motion was then approved to adopt an ordinance to rezone property from R to R-1, to subdivide one lot into two lots and to grant variance in square footage to 10,136 square feet with 74.53 feet of frontage on both lots. This motion is contingent upon the removal of the existing structures on the property, located at 12219 S. Natchez.

Additionally, a motion passed that now requires a minimum of five feet of landscaping to surround the base of freestanding signs. Also, the council passed a motion

that prohibits the use of motor scooters in the city, with fines ranging from \$30 to \$500 for violations.

Following this, there was an announcement stating that the Farmer's Market moved to Palos Heights City Hall on Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. This move was sought to improve parking access and attract more vendors.

Closing up the meeting, there was an announcement inviting everyone to the Antique Car Show on Harlem Ave. in front of all of the stores on August 12. This is part of Palos Heights' "Adopt a Tree" program. The event will take place while spectators judge the trees. The event is expected to be a fun and exciting time.

"The Story Behind the Symphony"

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, will present "The Story Behind the Symphony". As part of their

"One Score" initiative, the renowned Ravinia Festival of Highland Park, Illinois selected the Chicago Ridge Public Library as one of

four suburban libraries to host a public lecture. A musicologist from Ravinia's staff will lecture on Dvorak's "New World Symphony" at the library on Tuesday, July 20th, at 7:00 p.m. The guest lecturer will discuss Dvorak's life, his impact on music and the story behind this particular symphony. Chicago Ridge senior citizens who would like transportation to this event can call the library to make a reservation. We can accommodate the first 14 seniors; additional names will be placed on a waiting list. Reservations for transportation will be handled by the Adult Services Department.

Please join us for an interesting evening of musical discussion. All attendees are eligible for a raffle. The program is free, but call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat and make transportation reservations.



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Pictured above are Palos Hills Mayor Bennett and Hoe Margerella at Palos Fest



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For all Signs for July 20th through August 1st:

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: It is a good time to review what you do for a living...are you satisfied with what you do and what you earn? M and W involved.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Pat yourself on the back for a job well done! This has been a productive week and will prove true to you. F involved and a D.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: It is time for another of those decisions that you make so well. This time it concerns money to be spent! D and B help. *Numi says:* There is nothing wrong with asking for help when you need it. Others do!

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: If there is nothing else that can convince you that you are on the right track, try hearing it from superiors! J helps and a B.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: With a little help from your angels you can surely make a difference in people's eyes. You can be a hero! C involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You seem sure that you have things in perspective! Well, there is another problem yet to be solved. S aids. *Numi says:* You'll find "it" soon and it seems to have been misplaced, not stolen. Look in clothing!

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: K, C and someone W could become involved in your finance concerns. Be ready to make statements and clear the air. L helps.

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Evergreen Park Shortens Curfew

By Matt Mayer

An ordinance amending a section of the curfew law was approved at the July 19, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. Mayor Jim Sexton said that the village received a letter from a resident in regards to the village curfew laws, which are one half hour longer than Chicago and surrounding suburbs. The resident requested that the village adopt the same curfew laws as the surrounding municipalities so young people aren't coming into the village for the extra half hour, Sexton said. The revised curfew law hours are Sunday through

Thursday 10:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11:30 p.m. for children under of seven-teen years of age.

Sexton announced that the Second Annual Bike the Park event which will be held on at Kline Park on Aug 14 at 8 a.m. Biking will be in and around Kline Park similar to the 5 kilometer run.

The board approved the following business regulation certificates: Metropolis Beef Jerky Co. for retail sales of beef jerky at 3572 W. 95th St.; Kathy Abbott, Psy D, P.C. a counseling service office at 3317 W. 95th St. suite 205; Career Development Associates, an information

technology - consulting and training office at 9500 S. Avers, Suite 3; Hat World Inc., a retail sales store for hats at the Plaza; Aesthetica Chicago, a Physician office at 2850 W. 95th St. Suite 10; and Anna's Linens, a retail chain store for soft home textiles at the Plaza.

Village Engineer Tim Klass reported that all projects are on schedule. The board approved a request from Chief of Police Michael Saunders for the renovation of the fire range and awarded the contract to Action Target in the amount of \$59,315.00 from next years budget. Saunders intends on moving \$25,000.00 from confiscated drug funds, which have been appropriated for this project. Bids are being waived due to the specialized nature of this project. The work must be preformed in accordance with OSHA guidelines.

Queen of Peace sponsors 1999 class reunion

All members of the graduating class of 1999 are invited to celebrate together at the 1999 Class Reunion on Friday, August 13, at the William Tell Inn, located at 6201 Joliet Road in Country-side. Graduates of the class of 1999 can enjoy a hearty appetizer buffet, open bar, and dancing all night long. Tickets cost \$45 and must be reserved by August 1.

For more information about the reunion, call Cindy Kmetty, associatedirector of development, at 708/ 458-7600, ext. 250, or visit www.queenofpeacehs.org to download a reservation for the event.



Park Lawn Program participants Leah, Angel, and Mike practice their swings.

Park Lawn hosts summer activities

Park Lawn recently held its annual "A Day in the Sun" Golf Invitational at Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor.

Over 100 golfers took to the greens on a beautiful day filled with sunshine. Afterward, golfers recapped the days' activities when they

joined guests for a cocktail reception followed by dinner and awards.

This year's event was sponsored by Topline Automotive Engineering Inc. as well as OwnACondo.com, MIC Insurance Brokerage, MBA, The Dearborn Com-

panies, Founders Bank, First Non-Profit, and First Midwest Bank. All proceeds from "A Day in the Sun" Golf Invitational benefit Park Lawn.

In addition to the golf tournament, Park Lawn recently held its annual Recognition Dinner for employees and volunteers of the organization. The dinner was held at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip.

Over 200 people attended the dinner to recognize Park Lawn employees who have provided service to the organization for 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years.

Park Lawn volunteers were also applauded for their time and hard work. Volunteers donate their time in various departments at Park Lawn, including the development office, bingo operation, residential facilities, and fund-raising events.

Park Lawn is an Oak Lawn-based nonprofit organization that provides vocational, supported employment, residential, and adult development training services to over 200 individuals with developmental disabilities.



Brother Rice Football players make college commitments

Eight Brother Rice football players have orally committed to play at the following colleges: Mike Pepper of Mt. Greenwood, IL, Joliet Junior College; Dan Eble of Oak Lawn, DB, St. Ambrose, Iowa; Tony Serio of Bridgeview, LB, St. Ambrose, Iowa; Kevin Coulas of Beverly, OL, Carroll College, Wisconsin; David O'Keefe of Beverly, DB, St. John's, Minnesota; Jerry Martin of Roseland, RB Millikin University, Decatur; Bob Nelson of Worth, LB, Itasca Jr. College, Minnesota; and Jack McGrail of Beverly, TE/LB, Augustan College, Illinois.

Governor Blagojevich approves Illinois DNA Database

State law enforcement officials gained a new tool to assist them in identifying and prosecuting person who committ sexual assault-related crimes, as a result of legislation that was recently signed into law by Governor Blagojevich.

"This new law will enable the State Police to compare the DNA information they collect with that in the FBI's national database," said bill-sponsor Senator Jacqueline Collins (D-16). "Comparing this data will greatly assist law enforcement officials by

expanding our DNA search capabilities when investigating cases of rape and other sexual assaults-related crimes."

Under the new law (House Bill 4424) the State Police are now authorized to compare data in their DNA database with data in the FBI's National DNA database to help law enforcement officials in Illinois identify and prosecute persons suspected of committing sexual assault-related crimes.

Collins was joined in support of her legislation by the

Illinois Sheriff's Association, Illinois State Police, Cook County State's Attorney, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Illinois National Organization for Women, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Cook County Board of Public Safety, and the City of Chicago.



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Armed Service announcements



Orland Park resident Lenny Howard has returned to his family and hometown after serving nineteen months in Iraq. Neighbors of Howard's have planned a "Welcome Home Parade" in Lenny's honor at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 31st at 14001 Charleston, Orland Park.

Lenny Howard was one of

the first soldiers to be displayed on the Village of Orland Park "Hometown Heroes" board in the lobby of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Dawn A. Randolph has arrived for duty at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev.

Randolph, an air traffic controller, is the daughter of William and Gayle Miller of S. 88th Ave., Palos Park, Ill. The airman is a 1994 graduate of Stagg High School, Palos Hills, IL.

Air Force Airman Kathleen S. Heide has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. She is the daughter of Linda and William Heide of Lori Lane, Palos Hills, Ill. Heide is a 2002 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills.

Army Pvt. Erica L. Mitchell has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Angela Mitchell of S. Brooks

Lane, Chicago Ridge, Ill., and granddaughter of Erma Mitchell of West Glenbrook Road, Milwaukee, Wis. Mitchell graduated in the year 2000 from Richards High School, Oaklawn, Ill.

Army Reserve Pvt. Alex J. Meno has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Meno is the son of Joe Meno of S. Bell Ave., Chicago, Ill., and Joyce Meno of S. Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, IL. He is a 2002 graduate of Mount Carmel High School, Chicago.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Steven M. Hir, son of Gloria J. and Jeffrey W. Hir of Oak Lawn, Ill., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL with honors.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Hir is a 2001 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School of Oak Lawn, Ill.

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mum of two weeks to process a meeting room reservation request. Use of the rooms is free for Oak Lawn residents and Oak Lawn-based groups and organizations. Non-residents and entities not based in Oak Lawn will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$50 per use. The entire Board Policy Statement governing meeting room use is attached to each application.

For more information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, at 708-422-4990.

DMT Energy calls for domestic oil exploration

The outlook for North American oil and gas exploration is extremely positive from an investment perspective, with increasing US energy demands projected over the near and long term sustaining major gains for oil and gas producers. The recent California energy crisis, the looming United States energy crunch (the most serious domestic energy situation since the 1970's), and the increasingly unstable international environment for oil and natural gas exploration and production, have placed a renewed emphasis on domestic energy exploration. While crude oil and natural gas prices on the spot market are likely to come off of their current highs, the immediate term price outlook remains favorable, and long term price projections forecast significant increases. Even as government and academia invest billions in the search for alternative sources of energy, the demand for natural gas and oil continues to grow and is expected to expand exponentially over the next twenty years. According to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) the US demand for refined petroleum products will grow by over 35 percent in the next two decades, increasing from 18.0 million barrels per day in 1996 to over 24.6 million barrels per day by 2020, a 35% increase. The growth of domestic demand for natural gas, driven by expanding natural gas-fired electric generation plants, will be even more pronounced skyrocketing from current levels of roughly 23 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) to 32-37 Tcf by 2020. As the recent energy crisis in California has demonstrated, the US natural gas and energy supply will prove increasingly tenuous without additional and vigorous exploration and production efforts are undertaken. At the same time, the international situations in Iraq and Venezuela have shown the vulnerability of US petroleum stocks and highlighted the urgent need for increased domestic production. The recent National Energy Policy of President Bush and Vice President Cheney has called for dramatically increased production of domestic oil and natural gas

resources to meet this expanding domestic energy demand.

For the petroleum industry, this renewed impetus on domestic exploration and production has led to several new developments that improve the likelihood of exploration success and the location of new reserves. Many of the technologies associated with oil and gas exploration have been significantly enhanced over the last several years, and the refinement of techniques such as three dimensional seismic imaging have made oil exploration far more efficient, increasing the accuracy of modeling and decreasing the chances of missing oil. The second way that oil exploration is becoming more efficient is the increased practice of reexamining properties that were no longer thought to be profitable. Many properties through the 1970's were extracted only using primary production techniques and then prematurely abandoned when production became more expensive and problematic, leaving significant quantities of oil and natural gas. It has been estimated that many of these early producing fields can contain as much as 50-60% of recoverable production. Smaller oil exploration and production companies, such as Newfield Exploration Oil (NYSE: NFX) and Houston Exploration Company (NYSE: THX) have enjoyed huge successes through employing strategies that focus on reworking overlooked and bypassed production properties.

With a diversified portfolio of balanced oil & gas properties, an exploration and production strategy that emphasized the importance of developing and exploiting overlooked and bypassed reserves with new technologies and innovative approaches, and a seasoned management team and advisory board with over 150 years of collective petroleum industry experience, DMT Energy, Inc. is well positioned to benefit from new oil and gas production initiatives. DMT Energy has developed an impressive portfolio of oil and gas properties in Alberta and British Columbia, and Northern Canada that have B po-

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Director of Illinois Safety Council George Hiles (center) presents an outstanding safety award to Sr. Safety Coordinator Ed Karpinski (right), Hannover Park Assistant Engineer of Treatment plant Operations II Reed Dring (second from right) and Commissioners of the metropolitan Water Reclamation District Patricia Young (left) and Cynthia Santos, all with MWRD

Illinois Safety Council awards Metropolitan Water District

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the District has received

awards from the Illinois Safety Council. The Outstanding Safety Performance Awards are among Illinois's longest-running organizational or corporate recogni-

tion programs.

George Hiles, Director of the Illinois Safety Council, made the presentation to the MWRD Safety Section and Maintenance and Operations Department for outstanding adherence of safety standards by maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for its employees and for the effort to reduce the number of accidents at its facilities in 2003.

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tential for successful production over the near-to-intermediate term period with limited capital investment.

The Company is capitalizing on both of the major trends in domestic oil and gas E&P efforts, carefully selecting and screening properties for maximum potential of overlooked and bypassed production opportunities in oil producing area, and utilizing 3-D seismic and other advanced exploration techniques, including proprietary reservoir modeling techniques developed by EVP Don Hryhor, to mitigate risks. The Company is within months of beginning production efforts on its Acadia and Wainwright properties, where B oil & gas indicators have been confirmed by independent geologists and petroleum engineers. These projects have been carefully selected and screened, and DMT Energy has developed a conservative operational plan to begin production of oil and gas reserves over the next 6-12 months. The Company additionally intends to pursue development and production efforts on its additional Alberta and British Columbia properties and to acquire additional leasehold prospects. DMT Energy is further pursuing major new

exploration opportunities throughout Canada and the United States, which promise significant and unexplored production prospects.

DMT Energy's position as an innovative, technology oriented oil and gas exploration and production company with a balanced portfolio of properties that have near term production potential presents an attractive opportunity to invest in the forthcoming domestic petroleum E&P explosion. The Company's innovative strategy of minimizing risk and capital outlay through concentration on development of overlooked or bypassed oil and natural gas reserves and use of advanced exploration technologies is at the forefront of petroleum E&P efforts. This strategy has al-

ready been demonstrated successfully in the case of smaller start-up players Newfield Oil and Houston Exploration who have experienced consistent gains in their stock price despite the overall difficulties that oil industry investment have experienced over the last several years. By maximizing capital investment in property development, mitigating exploration risks, and maintaining tight control over costs, DMT Energy is exceptionally well situated to experience substantial growth over the immediate term period and return value to investors.

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

DMT Energy is well posi-

tioned within tremendous oil and gas industry struggling to meet increased US energy demands projected over the near and long term-producing major gains for oil and gas producers. The specter of the California energy crisis, the looming US energy crunch (the most serious domestic energy situation since the late 1970's with oil prices at the pump reaching new highs almost daily), and the tenuous international production climate (with OPEC production caps, uncertainty over Venezuelan production, and continued questions over development of Iraqi production capacity), all bode well for North American E&P companies operating in this environment. While crude oil prices on the spot market are likely to move off their current levels of \$34-35 per barrel, the intermediate term price outlook remains highly favorable with the US Energy Information Administration predicting that crude oil prices will stabilize over the next several years to the \$30 price range with price spikes likely until inventory stocks are rebuilt.

The Company benefits from its B and experienced management team and senior advisors, with over 150 years of collective petroleum industry experience. President Fred Da Silva has provided consulting, business development, and financing expertise to a number of private and public natural resource companies over the last decade, while CFO Giuliano Tamburrino previously served as founder and senior executive for a junior EPC (engineering, procurement, and construction) provider of oil & gas facilities. VP of Exploration Don Hryhor is a successful geophysicist and

wildcatter, having worked closely under the tutelage of industry pioneers William Hryhor and Drs. John Lichtenbelt over the past 30 years. Mr. Hryhor has been involved in several major discoveries in the Arctic Islands, Western Canada, and Texas, and has developed a proprietary hydrocarbon production and reservoir modeling technique which has been used to evaluate over 450,000 wells in Western Canada, and which is employed by the Company.

DMT Energy is poised to begin significant production efforts on its oil and gas properties and is exploring additional leasehold prospects as well as major exploration efforts throughout North America. The Company's Acadia prospect is slated to begin production in March of 2004, and DMT Energy anticipates bringing its Wainwright field on line

over the next several months. Complimenting these production efforts, DMT Energy is also undertaking major exploration efforts throughout North America, which should provide a considerable growth catalyst over the intermediate term period.



Left to right: Deborah Fortier, newly appointed counsel to the Recorder's Office and Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds. Fortier is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She has been a practicing attorney for over twenty years and resides in the western suburbs.

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Tips to keep your investments safe

Dan Friedlander of Friedlander Communications, Ltd. Offers information for investors.

He says recent market declines and continuing economic uncertainty may have shaken your faith in the stock market. He advises instead of letting your fears get the best of you in difficult times, keep focused-get back to basics, and return to core principles that should guide every investment decision.

1. Have a plan-write down your long-term goals in de-

tail to remind you of your goals and help you achieve them.

2. Invest for long-term-Don't let your fears about short term volatility hurt your chances of achieving your goals. If you believe your plan is sound, stick with it.

3. Diversify your portfolio-ensure you have exposure to a variety of investment classes which can help smooth out periods of volatility.

4. Invest in equities-over time, rising prices can ear-

away your buying power making it hard to make ends meet.

5. Historically one investment class has offered growth potential and opportunity for increasing income that can help you stay ahead-stocks.

6. Invest with discipline-Invest the same amount in the same mutual funds, on the same regular schedule over a long period of time. This is called "dollar cost averaging."

He suggests getting professional advice. Alan S. Friedlander is a registered securities representative. He is available for a free initial consultation at 847-855-4888 or at alfriedlander@yahoo.com

Solutions offered for pre-paid funeral concerns

We've all been told the benefits of Pre-Paid Funerals. These arrangements are supposed to take the guess work of one's final wishes and make things easier on the family as they grieve for their loved ones. Most funeral homes now offer Pre-Planned arrangements and in some cases these plans are sufficient. However, things do not always go as planned. In certain circumstances the

Pre-Paid Plan needs to be more flexible. Take for example the person who has some assets set aside for the grandchildren and ends up going into Medicaid. Spend down rules have strict guidelines that must be adhered to in order to qualify for nursing home care, and most Pre-paid Plans are limited to the amount which they can accept. Another problem that arises is the portability of the

plan. What if you moved to another state, would the pre-paid plan still be available? Will the funeral home still be in business when you pass away? Is the new owner going to honor the contract? These are well as many other questions need to be asked and answered before deciding to purchase a prepaid plan. New plans in the market place are now offered which can solve most of the problems, which are not fully addressed by most funeral home prepaid plans. For free no cost information call Max Mata at 708-921-3384 and mention this article.

Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International a network of caring women

Chris McGinnis, born and raised in Chicago, will be the speaker and singer for their August meeting. In 1985 McGinnis worked as a bartender and Tim, her husband, traveled in his job as a member of Bobby Allison's race team.

A change of life-style and

job followed. Chris heard God's call to use her talents of singing and acting to share testimony bringing salvation to others.

Chris is the Praise and Worship Leader at her church. She appeared on TV Channel 38 as a speaker, soloist and guest co-host of Nancy

Larsen's talk show.

Come with a friend to be blessed by her bubbly, heart-warming testimony in word and song. Her message will be on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required by August 5th. for additional information and reservations please call June at 708-424-1656.

Help Guard Against Dehydration

It's important for parents to watch their children for signs of dehydration-and to take steps to prevent the condition from occurring in the first place.

Doctors say children tend to be more at risk of becoming dehydrated than adults because of the way their bodies perspire and because they produce an excessive amount of body heat when they exercise. Also, children can sometimes become so wrapped up in their play that they simply forget to drink.

One rough measure of dehydration is the color of urine. It should be clear or light yel-

low. If your child's urine is dark yellow, he or she may be dehydrated. Other signs include irritability, headaches and nausea. More serious symptoms include: excessive loss of fluid through vomiting, urinating, stools or sweating; poor intake of fluids; dry or sticky mucous membranes in the mouth; and decreased or absence of urinary output.

One of the best ways to help keep kids from becoming dehydrated is to teach them to drink water at regular intervals throughout the day. Try thinking of a plastic water bottle as an essential piece of safety gear-similar to a bicycle hel-

met or pads. The bottles are lightweight and shatter resistant so they can go virtually anywhere active kids go.

As a parent, it's also important that you have water on hand at all times. On road trips, for example, you can freeze a plastic six- or 12-pack of water for the car before you leave and you'll have cool water all day long. In addition, you can pack a frozen plastic water bottle in your child's lunchbox along with water-rich fruits such as melon, watermelon and grapes put in plastic containers.

It also helps to set a good example for your children. If they see you drinking water throughout the day from plastic water bottles, chances are they'll follow your lead.

If your child is going to camp or school, check what the hydration policy is there and then ask your kids what they got to drink.

Finally, every time your children go out to play, try handing them a plastic water bottle filled with water. That can help get them into the habit of carrying a water bottle to help keep them hydrated, healthy and safe.

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Theatre and Entertainment

Oak Lawn Park District to perform "Anything Goes"

Oak Lawn Park District's next production is "Anything Goes." Tickets are currently on sale for the August production of "Anything Goes." Local performers are Dawn Schnolis (New Leonx), Jennifer Gagel (Tinley Park), Deanna Heffron (Evergreen park), Joe Spenser (Hickory Hills) and Andy Kolanowski (Oak Forest).

Paul Nirchi directs the musical. Choreographer and

music director are Tom Fagan and Dawn Marie Irons.

Performances are scheduled for 8pm on August 6, 7, and 12 and 3pm on August 8 and 15. Tickets are available for \$18 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens and children. To reserve tickets call 708-857-2200. Performances are at the Oak View Center, located at 4625 W. 110th Street, Oak Lawn.

Remy Bumppo Theater Company announces 2004-05 season

Artistic director, James Bohnen of Remy Bumppo Theater Company, has announced plans for the 2004-2005 season. They will open with Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning "A Delicate Balance", September 15 through October 31, followed by "Arcadia", a romantic play by Tom Stoppard, November 24 through January 2, 2005. The season closes with "Humble Boy" a comedy by Charlotte Jones, March 9 through April 10, 2005. Subscriptions are \$50 for previews to \$115 for opening nights and are on sale now at the box office at 773-224-8119.

Fireside presents "South Pacific"

The Fireside Dinner Theater presents "South Pacific" from July 22 through October 3, 2004. "South Pacific" is the winner of 9 Tony awards and one of the most celebrated shows of Rodgers and Hammerstein's.

"South Pacific" will be performed nine times weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Dining is required for all performances with a variety of menu choices depending on when one attends.

We all remember the lovely songs, "Some Enchanted Evening," "Honey Bun," "Bali Ha'i," and the love scenes taking place during World War II background. Playing Nellie was Marcie Passley and she was superb.

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Broadway in Chicago presents "The King & I"

Broadway in Chicago is pleased to present the latest production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The King & I," starring Broadway veteran and award-winning actress Sandy Duncan and directed by Baayork Lee, August 3 through 15, 2004 at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway.

Set in the 1860's in Bangkok, "The King & I" is the timeless love story between a powerful and stubborn king, played by

Martin Vidnovic, and a determined governess named Anna, played by Sandy Duncan. Based on the real life adventures of the English widow Anna Leonowens and the best-selling 1944 novel, "Anna and the King of Siam" by Margaret Landon, "The King & I" is a fascinating tale about a clash of customs. Over time, Anna earns the admiration of the royal family, and eventually she wins the respect of the King himself. Despite their many differences, Anna and

the King of Siam fall in love.

"The King & I" features opulent settings, a beautiful story of honor and forgiveness. We all can fondly remember the marvelous songs, the beautiful story of honor and forgiveness. And who can't help but enjoy the memorable songs such as "Hello Young Lovers," "I Whistle A Happy Tune," "Shall we Dance?" and "Getting to Know You."

Musical direction will be provided by Kevin Farrell, Scenic Design by Kenneth Foy, Costume Design by Roger Kirk, Lighting Design by John McLain and Sound Design by Abe Jacob.

"The King & I" will play the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway, August

3 through 15, 2004. The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. The 2 p.m. performance on Saturday, August 14th will be sign interpreted for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Tickets for this show range from \$18 to \$72.50 and are available at the Auditorium Theater Box Office at 50 East Congress Parkway), all Broadway in Chicago Box Offices (22 W. Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.) If "The King & I" is as successful as the "Oklahoma" production which just closed, "The King & I" will surely be a play worth getting to know.

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For all Signs for August 3rd through August 16th:

Use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Num!") go to TheDailyPsychic.Com and SherlockJacki.com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Money is still an issue to be dealt with. Find ways and means to deal with bills and immediate needs. D and M have answers.

Numi says: You already have everything you need to be healed of any problem, believe it.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Read the above message and add this: you have feelings or dreams that seem to be coming true. Write them down. K or C aid.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You may decide to take a trip or do something really out of your "ordinary" this week. Good for you! Do it! L and R can help.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Some of you have spiritual needs yet unfulfilled. Return to your faith, and, put faith in what you say you believe in. S aids.

Numi says: Watch for thoughts that come into your head that are not what you are used to.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Read the above message and add this: you can be like a "beacon of light" to someone who truly needs a friend! H involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: It is not good to think you have to hold back your feelings about love and devotion. Speak up. Reach out. R involved.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: The timing is right - make changes that you can make. Money, love and health are favoured this week. Be happy. J aids. **Numi says:** If you think you cannot make someone listen to your truth, hack off. You can... soon!

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Health seems to be the focus of your week, and special help comes from above! You have a money issue solved. R aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: All pieces seem to fall into acceptable solutions that you have been worried about. Try to find time for housing needs. J helps.

Please pass this column on to others

Announcements: Call for my new information sheet on our Fall Schedule of Seminars, specifically "Contact" Sessions, "Healing" Seminar, "The Round Table" for Psychic Development and Group Wt. Loss Hypnosis Seminar. Limited seating.

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My Psychic Observations & Insights: A Healing Tree

My dreams and visions, as well as my psychic predictions, almost always come true (reportedly a 93% accuracy). Early in the morning of July 12, 2004, I had both a dream and a vision. First the vision, then the dream, both showing me a tree in a cemetery or a small wooded area. I seemed to recognize the area in the dream and the vision. The tree had a "hollowed out" spot and inside was something that sparkled like diamonds or quartz crystal. Water was squirting out from the hollow of the tree and it smelled a little like the smell of lilacs, very faintly, but definitely like flowers. This must be a clue! I was told by a voice to find the tree and tell everyone about it because the water heals - heals every disease, illness or condition and pain! If I had the money set aside I could find that tree and help thousands. If not all of mankind. I was told the water will not "stop" flowing from the tree. It is here in Illinois. I think if I can find missing people and help solve murder cases, I can find that tree.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

St. Gerald's Parish Launches 'Herald for Gerald'

St. Gerald's Parish recently unveiled a new program entitled "Herald for Gerald." Chairman Leonard DeCluc outlines the program by saying, "The Herald for Gerald outreach to the best of my knowledge is the first of its kind in our Archdiocese. Our purpose is to share our faith and draw more people to the Lord as a community. We want to remind all Catholics of the importance of the Sabbath and welcome others to join us. We hope to reverse the overall trend in declining church attendance by personal appeal and be open to talk with anyone concerning our beliefs, as well as meet their needs if we can. The idea of going door to door to inform our neighbors of parish activities and invite them to participate was a primary goal of our committee from the start. Now that planning is done, we have already begun the second stage of canvassing our area in sections. Some 600 homes were contacted in the first phase and larger numbers are expected from this one. Feedback from our volunteers has been very positive. Most of the residents we contacted thanked us for stopping although some expressed surprise that we are Catholic. We are seeing the fruit of our labor as new people report they came to church because they were asked."

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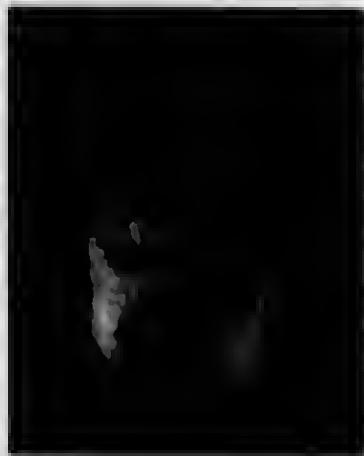
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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THE HEART AND SOUL OF AMERICA



Recently, one of the oldie movie channels hosted a Rocky marathon. For some, this Sylvester Stallone saga is a cult classic with our hero boxing his way to fame.

I have to admit to being a big 'Rocky' fan - almost from the very first one, where I was sure I'd hate the boxing movie Bill chose for our Saturday night entertainment, I have loved the whole sentiment of the underdog beating the odds.

Our daughters grew up on Rocky mania. I swear we still have the tape, somewhere, that we made for Jaime when she was barely more than a toddler. On it, there's Winnie the Pooh followed by Rocky II.

A few years ago this, now, adult child of ours opened up a Christmas surprise - the complete 5 video gift set, so she can overdose on Rocky any time the urge strikes.

I recently woke up one Saturday morning to the ending of Rocky I. Bill was already up and situated in front of the tv. the only thing that seemed to be missing was the popcorn, but since it was early morning, Cheerios were being munched instead.

We were minutes away from the grand finale fight between Rocky Balboa and Apollo Creed. When I saw the original Rocky for the first time, I thought it incredibly stupid that, for all his trouble and hard work, the underdog boxer didn't officially win - the big success being that he went the distance with the champ—what a waste!!

Bill had to explain to this sporting novice that the whole point was that he stood up to the challenge—holding his ground, not backing down.

Rocky fought with heart and soul to be left standing, proud and victorious. By the time Rocky II came out, I understood - which is why, no matter how many times I see the ending it never fails to leave me teary-eyed.

At the heart of this country is a heart much like the one so courageously depicted in the Rocky movies. This country has been under seige from terrorists who want to rule the world with fear and intimidation.

America is much like the underdog in this battle against our fanatical enemies. We, the people, didn't ask for this conflict, but we're up to the challenge. Our opponent wants to knock us out, to silence our freedom with an annihilating punch that will give them reason to dance in the streets in victory.

But, when what you're fighting for is your very right to be free, the way God has intended, you've got no choice but to go the distance.

Since the tragedies of 9-11, we've been forced to put up our dukes against the evil that's out to destroy humanity. We've chosen to defend our rights with all our heart and soul, with the hope that our faith, freedoms, and our perseverance will be left standing victorious when we find ourselves facing a final round of the war on terror.

Historic U.S. Naval Ship to dock at Navy Pier

Brig Niagara will visit the Lake Front August 13-15. The Niagara, flagship of Pennsylvania today, was one of six warships built to regain control of the upper Great Lakes from the British during the War of 1812, with public

boarding for Guests. Hours for public boarding on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be announced at a later date.

Another ship, The H.M.S. Bounty will dock at Navy Pier Sept 3-6, 2004. Public

Boarding will be available. Sept 7-26, guests of all ages will be invited to participate in a month-long, educationally-oriented event involving tours and stories regarding the Bounty. Also from October 1-31, the H.M.S. Bounty will be trans-

formed into a haunted ship for Halloween programming.

Fall fireworks throughout September and October every Saturday at 9 p.m. will be presented free to the public. 312-595-PIER or outside the Chicagoland area 1-800-595-PIER.

Community Announcements

United Methodist Church of Worth Holds Yard Sale
A Yard Sale will be held on the Church grounds at 7100 W. 112th Street, Worth, Illinois on August 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Treats, new Crafts and gently used quality items, but no clothing. Refreshments will be available.

Summit Park District will be having a "Flea market in the Park" Saturday, September 18, 2004 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A 10 x 10 space is \$10.00 and bring your own tables. If you are interested, send a check for the amount of spaces you wish to have to the Summit Park District, P.O. Bx 373, Summit, IL 60501. Please be aware that you must park your vehicle in the parking lot and carry or have a dolly, etc to carry your articles to your designated spot. Set up is 8:00 a.m. The earlier you register, the better spot you will receive. For further information, call the park office at 708-496-1012.

Jazzin' at the Shedd takes place every Thursday night through August 26; the aquarium stays open until 10 p.m. but the Wild Reef, Oceanarium and the Sea Star Quest will close at 8 p.m. Admission for Jazzin' is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 3-11 and seniors. Wild Reef is an additional \$6 per person. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Jazzin' at the Shedd, groups who purchase 10 tickets will receive one free ticket when they call 312-692-3333. Jazzin' is included with paid admission to the aquarium. Members are free.

The EVERGREENS meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the H.B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W 97th Street, Evergreen Park. This group is a social group and meet "just for fun". New members are welcomed. Dues are \$4.00 per year. A \$1.25 fee per meeting is paid at the door to cover refreshments. The group enjoy activities, games, Ice Cream Social, and annual Christmas Party. The annual Ice Cream Social is planned for Wed, August 4th. Tickets are available in advance for \$3.00 at 708-422-8776.

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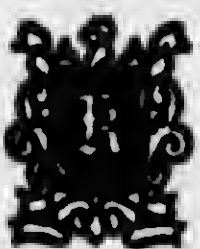
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Campaign promotes low-cost ways to cool down

If you have begun to get hot under the collar about rising energy costs, you have lots of company. The Energy Department recently predicted a 3.5 percent increase in U.S. electricity rates, just as summer arrives.

The typical U.S. household already spends about \$1,446 a year on home energy bills. While there may

not be anything that consumers can do about power rates, a new nationwide campaign has been established to help people become smarter users of energy and save money in the process.

The campaign, produced by the Advertising Council and TracyLocke, and sponsored by Energy Outreach Colorado, is distributing in-

formation on smart energy usage throughout the United States. While designed in part for children, the site contains useful tips on energy efficiency improvement projects for adults as well as links to related energy efficiency sites for people of all ages. For example, there's a link to the U.S. Department of Energy, which offers an online virtual home tour with tips for saving energy and money at home—in a single-family house, a condo or an apartment.

The site contains tips that are written in straightforward language that can be understood by any homeowner or apartment dweller who wants to minimize summer electricity costs while still staying cool. For example, keep the sun out during the day and let the cooler night air be a source of comfort. Get into the habit of closing the windows and drawing the blinds each morning.

Another option is to trim vegetation from around the air-conditioning unit. Keep bushes and other plants four to five feet away from your outside condensing unit. This will allow ample airflow around the unit.

Use ceiling, box or oscillating fans in conjunction with the air conditioner. Fans create a windchill effect that makes you feel cooler at a warmer thermostat setting. But remember, this cooling effect only works if you are using the air conditioner.

Adjust the rotation of ceiling fans. Most ceiling fans

have reversible motors, so all you have to do is flip a switch to change direction with the season. During the summer, your fan should rotate counterclockwise to circulate the cool air.

Check air filters. Take the time to check them now and replace the ones that are dirty. Use your monthly electric bill as a reminder to check your filters each month.

Add reflective film or solar screens to windows. These simple additions can go a long way in reducing heat gain, which will lower energy usage. When added to windows on the eastern and western sides of your home, these materials can reduce your annual cooling costs by up to \$11 for each 3-by-6-foot window. For windows with a southern exposure, you can save about half that amount.

Check the level of insulation in the attic. This is especially important if you own a home that is more than 20 years old. More than 80 percent of houses built prior to 1980 lack adequate ceiling insulation. If you like do-it-yourself projects, your local home improvement center can guide you through this. If you'd rather call a professional, look for a local insulation company and make sure it is bonded and insured. The energy efficiency campaign is supported by the leading energy experts at the U.S. Department of Energy, The Home Depot, the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association, the National Fuel Funds Network and 20 state energy offices throughout the United States.

For more energy tips that you can use year-round, visit www.energyhog.org.

Lyric Opera presents summer musicale

A Summer Musicale featuring Marie Polit, soprano, and Lorraine Lomoro, piano is being presented by the Southwest Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago on Sunday, August 22, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at Palos Methodist Church, 121st Street and Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights. Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the Concert. Reservations \$15.00 each before August 10th. Call Virginia Jach, 708-423-9633 or Vee Minarich, 708-403-4014.

Fujifilm offers photography grant program

Teachers and students are always learning from one another, especially when it comes to technology. However, educational technology can be difficult to obtain due to budget restraints and demanding curriculum guidelines. That could be why a grant program that allows teachers to build a fun lesson plan while being able to use the latest technology is getting such good grades.

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35mm cameras and other products such as film, digital videotape, DVDs and CD-ROMs to applicants demonstrating the most creative use of imaging and information technology in the classroom.

The Products for Learning Web site also explains and illustrates what each product is used for, so educators will learn a few things, too. An application, guidelines, and lesson plans are available by visiting www.fujifilm.com/learn.

Chicago Film Festival deadline extended

The deadline to submit an entry into the Chicago International Film Festival, which will take place October 7-21, has been extended to August 10.

Films in competition contend for the Festival's highest honor, the Gold Hugo. A \$5000 New Director's Award is given to one feature length film participating and a \$5000 Silver Images Generations Award to one feature length film in either the International Film Competition, New Directors' Competition or DOCUFEST. There will be several cash prizes of \$2000 in other categories. For complete regulations and entry forms call 312-425-9400x110 or www.chicagofilmfestival.com

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1:30 - 2:15 pm Paul & Kitty Show - (kid's variety show)

2:15 - 3 pm Michael Kett's Amazing Flea Circus

2:30 - 3:30 pm Uncle Grumpy Walkaround

3 - 4:30 pm Jimmy Mac (Acoustic Rock Guitar)

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9 - 10:30 pm Denny Diamond Band - (Neil Diamond sound)

Sunday, August 15 - 11 am - 8 pm

11 am - 4 pm Car Show (on Babe Ruth Field)

11 am Softball tournament

1 pm Food vendors open

1-6 pm Miller's Petting Zoo, Giant 3-lane Slide, Pony Rides

1:30-2:30 pm Dave Rudolf (kid's variety)

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Favorite recipes

by Anita Anderson



Recipe rerun

We printed this recipe recently with unclear directions. Sorry for any inconvenience and confusion it caused.

Heath Bar Cake

Mix 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup white sugar, 1 stick softened margarine, 2 cups flour and 1 tsp vanilla. Mix all of the ingredients as you would a pie crust dough. The filling should be fluffy and well mixed. This mixture will serve as the crust for the cake.

Reserve 1/2 cup of the mixture to use as crumbs for the cake's topping.

For the cake filling crush six Heath bars and 1/2 cup

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chopped nuts of your choice. Mix well.

Then beat one egg and mix with 1 cup sour cream and 1 tsp baking soda. Fold this mixture into crumb mixture. Do not beat. Spread the batter into lightly greased pan 13 x 9 x 2 1/2. Spread mixture of Heath bars and nuts over batter and remaining nuts which you will sprinkle over entire top. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degree preheated oven.



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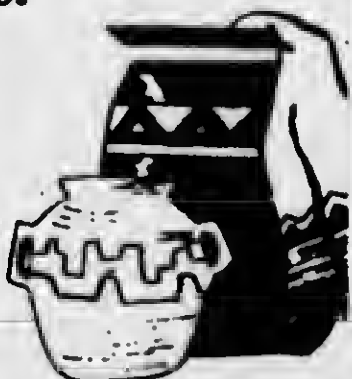
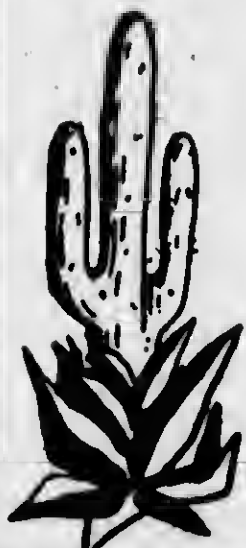


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St. Louis de Montfort to begin fall registration

St. Louis de Montfort School is accepting registrations for the upcoming 2004-2005 school year.

The school offers a part-time preschool for ages 3 and 4, a full kindergarten and a comprehensive program in grades 1 through 8. In addition, students participate in weekly Spanish, music, art, and library instruction, as well as physical education and technology classes twice per week. A school band, Hemlock Federal Bank-at-School Program, an active Student Council, and a fully developed athletic program offer well-rounded opportunities for student growth. "The Kids' Club" Extended Day

Program provides before and after school care for the school's students. New for the upcoming school year will be a hot lunch program sponsored by Food Service Professionals, along with a science lab for hands-on learning.

Also, St. Louis de Montfort School is increasing from one preschool session to two sessions. The first session, for students age 4 by September 1, takes place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from noon to 2:30 p.m. The second session, open to students age 3 by September 1, will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The program is offered in a spacious, newly renovated facility. All preschoolers participate in weekly music, art, physical education, and library classes and perform in the annual Christmas program and Track-a-thon. Field trips, special assemblies, and award ceremonies are integrated into the Preschool program. Four year old preschoolers also enjoy weekly Spanish instruction.

St. Louis de Montfort School has limited openings in all classes for the upcoming school year. Interested prospective parents should call the school for a tour and further information. The school office may be reached at 708/599-5781, ext. 14. St. Louis de Montfort is located at 8840 S. Ridgeland Ave. in Oak Lawn.



Illinois Ballet Theater graces the stage

Chicago Ballet Highlights

Chicago's Joffrey Ballet Company successfully returned to New York's Metropolitan Opera House as part of the Lincoln Center Festival where it joined other companies in the Centennial Celebration of Sir Fredrick Ashton.

Ballet selections seen there were "A Wedding Banquet" and "Monotones I and II." These were seen last fall in Chicago to sold-out audiences.

Artistic director Gerald Arpino, who is now in his 80's, said, "There is nothing like dance. It's the fourth dimension and if I could I'd still be a dancer. I stopped performing in the early 60's, but of-course you never really stop."

Upcoming highlights of the 2004-2005 season include a week of performances of "Nutcracker" at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC and participation in a dance festival in Amsterdam in January 2005. Arpino's goal for a five-year plan is to have a building with Joffrey Ballet on the outside like certain

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theater companies.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago recently announced that Hubbard Street 2 will make its international debut in Germany in November 2004 as part of an expanded touring and Chicago performance schedule. The company will also participate at the Joan W and Irving B Harris Theater for Music and Dance in April 2005. Added Chicago-area and local performances include Orland Park and The Dance Center of Columbia College, Chicago.

Illinois Ballet Theater makes its Chicago debut August 20-21 at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance. The program titled "Kaleidoscope Vision" with nine works including Chicago choreographer Paul Christiano's new work, "Cemetery of Kisses."

The company will be joined by alumni who have gone on to dance in internationally acclaimed companies, such as American Ballet Theater, the Joffrey Ballet, and The Royal Ballet of England.

Employment and Resource Fair

Alderman Carrie Austin & United Healthcare present an Employment and Resource Fair on August 12, 2004 at Fernwood Park from 10am to 2pm at 10438 South Wallace in Chicago. For more information call Alderman Austin's Office at 773-928-6961.

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Citizens protest development idea in Oak Forest

By David Vognar

Somewhere beyond the crowd of angry voices protesting the combined presentation by Legat Architects and Ryan Companies at Oak Forest's Tuesday, July 27, city council meeting was a simple statement: "We are not forcing anything on anybody tonight."

Unfortunately for the line's orator, Ryan Companies Vice President of development, Matthew Reed, many Oak Forest citizens either did not believe that the proposed design for a mixed use residential-commercial complex at 159th Street and Cicero was only a preliminary sketch, or they felt that their homes were too close to becoming bulldozed to care that discretion is the better part of valor. A large crowd of anywhere

from fifty to eighty people gathered at the meeting already nestling fears that the city was beginning to use eminent domain to tear down homes. That speculation proved unfounded.

While the city did vote to enter into an agreement with the two companies to study the best use of the land in confluence with the city's ongoing Gateways Corridor Project, a final agreement is in no way close to being met. The city has still yet to command a parking study to determine where parking would best be located in the planning area.

Legat initially contacted the city in the spring and expressed its interests in helping Oak Forest develop around its newly-envisioned Metra station. Ryan Companies, a 70-year old firm that works with companies

like Dominicks, Target and Best Buy, would help land the businesses for the development. The conspectus that Legat showed to the council and concerned citizens, though nonbinding and subject to modification, ruffled the feathers of more than a few.

Many of those whose homes would be affected by the development were upset that the development land overlaps the current tax-increment financing district along Oak Forest's main thoroughfare. Some felt that they were promised development would remain inside the district that freezes property tax rates at pre-development levels to spur developers to build. Mayor Patrick Gordon sympathized with the homeowners, and said that, while TIF districts are more advantageous

for developers, development is not necessarily restricted to those areas. Joe Tascula, for one, was not at all content with how his home would face the risk of being demolished or severely blighted to accommodate either a parking deck or a commercial building.

"I'm fifty-one years old, and I can't afford to buy another retirement home," he said. Tascula also hinted that litigation could be in store for the city if angered residents take their slighted feelings to court.

"This is going to take a public and private partnership," Legat representative Allan Bombick said. "And this is what you're really voting on today... there's a lot of room for different styles to coexist."

One of the architects' iterations called for a medium-sized retail center and townhomes near 160th Street buffered from the retail interests. The plan included two parking decks, one of which was located near the old Metra lot.



Crisis Center for South Suburbia co-chair Lee Ann Hedween, WGN's Andrea Darlas Honorary Chair, co-chair Maureen Niswonger, and co-chair Kathy Mahoney

Golf Outing for South Suburbia Crisis Center

The South Suburbia Crisis Center welcomes WGN's Andrea Darlas as Honorary Chair for its 14th Annual Golf Outing on August 10 at Silver Lake Country Club beginning with a shotgun start at 9am.

Tickets are available for \$125 for golf and dinner, \$85 for golf and \$45 for diner

only. Call Linda at 708-429-7255 x 17 for tickets, sponsorship or to donate prizes.

WGN's Andrea Darlas anchors the evening news on WGN radio and contributes stories on the TV side and chicagotribune.com. WGN's Andrea Darlas grew up in Orland Park where she attended Andrew High School and is a graduate of University of Illinois.

She has been recognized by her peers with several Associated Press awards and the prestigious Edward R. Morrow award from the Radio and TV News Directors Association for best spot news reporting.



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Orland Park commits to Collette

By David Vognar

Though summer may lean thickly upon the south suburbs' fastest growing and most economically salient town, Orland Park government is still chugging along. And though the network news companies may be showing reruns and the weather may be too sticky to move, the board of trustees still meets every first and third Monday.

In the same stick-to-it spirit, the board met Monday, July 19, to continue its ongoing work in finalizing

the Collette Highlands Project. At the evening meeting, trustees voted to approve a measure to pay \$47,075 for landscaping work on the Highlands by Mid-America Tree and Landscape. The area will be seeded and matted for \$27,200. The remaining money derives from the planting of 75 crabapple trees on the east side of the development's hill.

The village was unable to receive other bids because of timing issues already involved with the developers of the Collette Highlands

Project. If the landscaping was not completed immediately, the village claimed that builders might lose some of the work already done. The village also authorized the construction of a detention pond on the development premises at a price tag of \$620,000. The work, to be done by Huguélet, is part of a package struck between Collette developers and the village.

That said agreement was further amended at the Monday meeting to allow Orland Park to foot the bill to build the Park Station Boulevard. Instead of Collette constructing the structure in the subdivision land, the village will pay \$753,476 to have the north-south road built. If all goes according to plan, Metra will reimburse half of the cost. Provided that

another ancillary road is built on the other side of the subdivision, Metra could cover all of the costs.

The dissenting voter, Trustee and acting board president Bernard Murphy, said he "didn't agree from the start with the village purchasing." Yet, to ensure higher engineering standards and negotiate with the Collette developers and other parties involved, most village trustees felt the situation necessitated some sort of village input.

In addition to passing the expenditure measures, the village allowed its own engineering services and Christopher B. Burke Engineering to work for the city on the Collette project. The agreement can be terminated within sixty days of the vote. The village also authorized

the resurfacing of the Metra parking lot and its extended areas to be undertaken at a cost under \$48,895. The village will seek legal opinion to validate its decision.

In other news, the village officially amended an October 1, 2003 escrow agreement so the village can recapture some of its funds that are declining due to the higher interest rates on new bonds. The village will restructure one or more of its supplemental investment directions involved with the 2003 bonds to ensure that their rates are not higher than the money from the village's state and local government securities (or slugs) fund. The village will initialize the 2003 bond escrow restructuring with its slugs fund bank, Cole Taylor Bank of Chicago.



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Orland Park wraps up first Taste



An estimated 12,000 people attended the Village of Orland Park's inaugural "Taste of Orland Park" held at the Orland Park Civic Center July 30 through August 1, deeming this event an assured success. Orland Park Village Trustee Patricia Gira said, "This

first 'Taste of Orland Park' was a great family festival that featured some of our best restaurants, live entertainment, sponsors and community organizations

all coming together to show all that Orland Park has to offer." And judging by the response of the community, there will be plenty more good times to come.



Park Lawn Program participants Leah, Angel, and Mike practice their swings.

Park Lawn hosts summer activities

Park Lawn recently held its annual "A Day in the Sun" Golf Invitational at Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor.

Over 100 golfers took to the greens on a beautiful day filled with sunshine. Afterward, golfers recapped the day's activities when they

joined guests for a cocktail reception followed by dinner and awards.

This year's event was sponsored by Topline Automotive Engineering Inc. as well as OwnACondo.com, MIC Insurance Brokerage, MBA, The Dearborn Com-

panies, Founders Bank, First Non-Profit, and First Midwest Bank. All proceeds from "A Day in the Sun" Golf Invitational benefit Park Lawn.

In addition to the golf tournament, Park Lawn recently held its annual Recognition Dinner for employees and volunteers of the organization. The dinner was held at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip.

Over 200 people attended the dinner to recognize Park Lawn employees who have provided service to the organization for 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years.

Park Lawn volunteers were also applauded for their time and hard work. Volunteers donate their time in various departments at Park Lawn, including the development office, bingo operation, residential facilities, and fund-raising events.

Park Lawn is an Oak Lawn-based nonprofit organization that provides vocational, supported employment, residential, and adult development training services to over 200 individuals with developmental disabilities.



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Chicago Ridge approves labor contract

By Matt Mayer

The Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees approved a labor contract with the Public Works Department at the July 20 Board meeting, which was also approved by union employees of the Public Work Department. On May 25, the village labor attorney received a correspondence confirming this agreement.

A five-year contract was approved for Land & Lakes Waste Disposal Service. The contract stipulates that the workday begin at 5:30 a.m., however the use of hydraulics are prohibited until 6:30

The board approved a request from Jenny's Steak House to hold a block party August 8th on Menard Ave. from 110th to 111th Street from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The board also approved the following business licenses: Panera Bread at the Mall; K&M Tire at 10130 Virginia in the industrial park and Computer Closeouts at 10137B S. Harlem Ave.

Business property owner, Mr. Roche, has been re-

quested to address the board at the three previous board meeting in regards to the housing of semi trailers on his parking lot within the industrial park. However, Roche has failed to appear before the board. Roche committed to provide the Village Engineer Chris Burke with plans from his engineer. Roche also failed to submit such plans. The board requested the following action be taken. Village Clerk Chuck Tokar will draft a letter, which will be delivered by the Police Department, requesting that Roche appear at the next board meeting. If Roche fails to appear, the village then plans to close down his business.

The board voted to reject a planning and zoning request for a billboard sign at lot 8 in the industrial park. This sign would have required a variance. The general consensus of the board was that there currently are too many signs in the village and if a variance was granted, the village code would become negated. An east-west stop sign at 109th and Major was also approved.



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Palos Heights City Council meeting announcements

By Carlene O'Connor

The Palos Heights City council discussed several items Tuesday night. They voted to remove the pay phone due to financial reasons and lack of use at the swimming pool. A phone is available inside the office. Fees were increased from \$50 to \$75 at Lake Catherine for photo permits. Fees have not been increased for a long time.

The Council approved the request from the Palos Heights Women Club to hold a blood drive sponsored by Life Source Blood Center on August 16 at the Recreation Center.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 10 at 7pm to discuss the new swimming pool and recreational center. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

In his report, Fulkerson stated that vouchers were \$781,164.37 and that there was a payment of \$266,664.00 for road construction (general obligation bonds). In closing the meeting they approved an ordinance allowing only one estate sale per year at a home or location. Estate sales would require a \$5000 bond from now on.

Governor Blagojevich approves Illinois DNA Database

State law enforcement officials gained a new tool to assist them in identifying and prosecuting persons who commit sexual assault-related crimes, as a result of legislation recently signed into law by Governor Rod Blagojevich.

"This new law will enable the State Police to compare the DNA information they collect with that in the FBI's national database," said bill-sponsor Senator Jacqueline Collins (D-16). "Comparing this data will greatly assist law enforcement officials by expanding our DNA search capabilities when investigating cases of rape and other sexual assaults-related crimes."

Under the new law the State Police are authorized to compare data in their DNA database with the FBI's National DNA database to help law enforcement officials in Illinois identify and prosecute persons suspected of committing sexual assault-related crimes.

Collins received support for her legislation by the Illinois Sheriff's Association, Illinois State Police, Cook County State's Attorney, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Illinois National Organization for Women, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Cook County Board of Public Safety, and the City of Chicago.

Queen of Peace 1999 class reunion

All members of the graduating class of 1999 are invited to celebrate together at the 1999 Class Reunion on Friday, August 13, at the William Tell Inn, located at 6201 Joliet Road in Countryside. Graduates of the class of 1999 can enjoy a hearty appetizer buffet, open bar, and dancing all night long. Tickets cost \$45 and must be reserved by August 1.

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St. Gerald's Parish recently unveiled a new program entitled "Herald for Gerald." Chairman Leonard DeClue outlines the program by saying, "The Herald for Gerald outreach to the best of my knowledge is the first of its kind in our Archdiocese. Our purpose is to share our faith and draw more people to the Lord as a community. We want to remind all Catholics of the importance of the Sabbath and welcome others to join us. We hope to reverse the overall trend in declining church attendance by personal appeal and be open to talk with anyone concerning our beliefs, as well as meet their needs if we can. The idea of going door to door to inform our neighbors of parish activities and invite them to participate was a primary goal of our committee from the start. Now that planning is done, we have already begun the second stage of canvassing our area in sections. Some 600 homes were contacted in the first phase and larger numbers are expected from this one. Feedback from our volunteers has been very positive. Most of the residents we contacted thanked us for stopping although some expressed surprise that we are Catholic. We are seeing the fruit of our labor as new people report they came to church because they were asked."

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Oak Lawn creates TIF Districts

By Matt Mayer

The standing room only crowd in the village chambers was overflowing into the hallways at the Aug 10 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. The board approved the commuter train station grant agreement between the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority [RTA] and the Village of Oak Lawn. Prior to the vote, Trustee Bob Streit stated he had no opposition to the train station. However, he did have several safety concerns which he addressed to Metra officials Pat MacEntee and Clayton Weaver.

Streit asked when Metra increases the train schedules from 16 to 30 trains a day and

whether they automatically conduct train traffic studies. Pat MacEntee stated that when Metra moves through a corridor, they reevaluate and upgrade every grade crossing wherever it is necessary and wherever Metra is able to modify it in a way which allows for more efficient traffic flow. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commuter parking facility improvement grant agreement of \$1,990,000 was also approved. The new station will be approximately 2500 square feet and will be constructed by the end of 2005 between the Commuter Rail Division of the RTA and the Village of Oak Lawn. Prior to the vote, Streit stated that this is one of the components he objected to, and said he does

not feel a five story parking deck is an addition to our community.

"I feel it will effect everything in Oak Lawn from the finances to public safety issues, and that would be reflected in my opposition to this ordinance," Streit said.

Ron Stancik responded to Streit's comments by stating that his number one request since last October was anywhere from four to six requests a week for commuter parking passes from citizens of Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn citizens complained, expressing discontent over why they, as Oak Lawn residents, should have to park at the orange line at Midway Airport.

"I say as a commuter with a monthly pass, people deserve an opportunity to take advantage and join the 21st century," Streit said. The parking garage is planned to be an open-air facility with 800 parking spaces. This motion passed 5-1, with Trustee Bob Streit dissenting.

Evergreen Park Presents Awards

By Matt Mayer

The Aug 2 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Director of Recreation Dennis Duffy presenting awards for the annual Fourth of July parade. The awards are listed by category followed by the sponsors and individuals involved: 1st place trophy winners were: The Marching Band by Blue Saints Drum and Bugle Corporation, Menu Mart Foods, Jack McGuire, Park Cleaners, Mark Holstein and Wolf's Bakery, Jeff Lyon.

The Professional Float, Prudential Biros Realtors, Regina Biros and Karen Biros; Amateur Float, Holy

Face of Jesus Prayer Group, Barbara Lascola; Decorated Truck, Evergreen Park Public Library, Nicki Siedl; Marchers, Evergreen Park Athletic Association, Larry Liebforth; Color Guard, Evergreen Park High School, Amy Moore Kazin; Specialty Unit for the Shriners, Evergreen Park Rotary Club, Peter Nelson; Horses, Metropolis Beef Jerky, Ray Ramsey; Antique Car, Thomas Strasser; and Unique Vehicle, Arcon Concrete, Ron Anderson and Jamie Anderson.

Joe and Ann Laschober, along with several other area residents, voiced opposition to Evergreen Auto Rebuilder's request to extend their business hours. Approximately 10 days prior to

the board meeting, Laschober said he had to take his wife to an optometrist to have drops put in her eyes due to the severe fumes that entered his home. They claim these fumes prohibit them from opening their windows. Laschober also reported the owner's denial that work is often performed outside of the building.

"There is hammering going on for hours on end; torches are used, and spray painting is also performed outdoors," Laschober said.

He also questioned whether the owner uses the paint spray booth, which supposedly is in the building. He states the yard is full of junk piled against the wall, with parts that are not being used.



Oak Lawn Park District recognizes 1,000 mile walkers

By Edward Suda

In the midst of the ever-growing obesity epidemic that has struck the United States, solutions such as more exercise, eating fewer processed carbohydrates, and not super-sizing your value meal have been preached. But the Oak Lawn Park District in September of 2003 decided to create a unique program that aims to curb obesity and keep the local populace relatively trim and fit.

This program, entitled the "1,000 Mile Club," promotes

local health by stressing the importance of an exercise as simple as walking. The initial goal of this program was to enlist 500 members, and the feedback has been overwhelming, with the organization boasting 983 members as of July 31, 2004. And the hard work of those in the club who have passed the 1,000 mile marker was formally recognized at the August 9, 2004 Oak Lawn Park District meeting.

Organization spearhead Lou Novinson, Irene Baranowski, Geraldine Boelke, Jeffrey Burzinski, John Cahill, Eileen Chilvers,

Chuck Chilvers, Barbara Casey, Vladimir Grah, Mary Kay Hurley, Ken Linka, Beth Miller, Suzanne Mullenix, Jamie Riberto, and Jenny Tan all received plaques recognizing the feat. These goal-oriented and motivated people now strive to knock down the 2,000 mile barrier.

Despite the health benefits, the organization stressed some other, less obvious benefits of the club. Member Irene Baranowski commented, "There are nice people that walk, and you get to meet a lot of different people. We sort of encourage each other to keep walking."

"It's a junk yard back there," Laschober said.

Another resident requested that the health inspector visit the business to check if the equipment meets EPA regulations for spray painting. The resident states that there are no fumes emitted from another auto rebuilder on Kedzie Ave., nor are there any cars parked in their lot. The business owner stated that he has a

current state EPA license. Mayor James Sexton stated that the county and state monitor these types of fumes, and the village would contact them to check to see if everything is in order. The board voted 4-2 to deny the request for the extension of business hours.

The board approved a request from Red Wing Shoe Store for a sidewalk sale to be held on August 7 and Oc-

tober 2. A request to accept the resignation of Officer Whitaker and declare a vacancy in the patrol division was approved as well as a request to accept the resignation of Tom Knox from the Traffic Safety Committee. A request to appoint Mayor James Sexton as a delegate and Village Clerk, Catherine Aparo as alternative delegate to the Illinois Municipal League was also approved.

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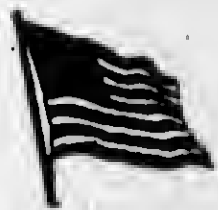
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Armed Service announcements



Elizabeth A. Wood has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. The camp is a four-week leadership internship for cadets who are normally between their sophomore and junior college years. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the ROTC Advanced Course at their college. The Army observes and

evaluates cadets to determine their officer potential, leadership abilities and skills, while cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values. The training develops well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drill and ceremonies communications, and squad-level operations field training. The cadet is a student at St. Xavier University, Chicago, IL.

Wood is the daughter of Lawrence A. and Bernadette E. Wood of W. 94th St., Evergreen Park, IL. She is a 2002 graduate of St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School, Chicago.

Air Force Airman Kristal M. Chavez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. She is the daughter of Noemi Rodriguez of S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank, Ill.

Army Pvt. Nicholas R. Winiecki has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Winiecki is the son of Elizabeth Crotty of S. 84th Ave., Palos Hills, Ill., and Ronald Winiecki of W. 63rd Place, La Grange, Ill. He is a 1995 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael J. Sorice has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Sandra Sorice of Neola St., Park Forest, Ill., and William Sorice of S. Keeler Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. Sorice is a 1999 graduate of Rich East High School in Park Forest.

Jonathan A. Waterlander has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program trains men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges of a cadet.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life, and learn proper wear of the uniform, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Team work, cohesion and learning to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations are practiced. Trainees complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

Waterlander is the son of Don and Sandy Waterlander of S. 71st Court, Palos Heights, Ill. He is a 2004 graduate of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora.

Army Pvt. Eric J. Patterson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, KY.

He is the son of Kim Washington of W. 99th St., Evergreen Park, Ill. Patterson is a 2001 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills, Ill.

David M. Trier has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy.

Trier is the son of Susan O'Brien and James Trier of Victoria Drive, Oak Forest, Ill. He is a 1999 graduate of Oak Forest High School. Marine Corps Reserve Pfc.

Michael R. Vasquez, son of Rosa Gamboa of Oak Lawn, Ill., recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

With his newly acquired knowledge, Vasquez is ready to prepare personnel evaluations and reports. Vasquez is a 2002 graduate of Oak Lawn High School.

Hooligans beware: seniors are more alert

Hooligans should take heed when trying to accost seniors. It was on the news recently a seventy plus year old senior ran down a purse snatcher and the person was apprehended.

Again recently, "an 84 year old woman was shopping at the Jewel Store at 7910 South Cicero Avenue, two men tried to take her purse from her shopping cart. The women thwarted the purse snatchers by kicking one of them in the crotch. The two men fled." This is not to say that the opposite may happen.

Months ago, one 89 year old woman in Evergreen Park was apprehended by a purse snatcher and she held onto the purse to tightly and fell down the stairs and was hospitalized for several weeks.

So remember, take your chances, is it worth getting injured or killed versus the money in that purse. Years ago the police instructed women to use a whistle. Let's bring back some business owners can purchase promotional gifts for seniors for great giveaways at the senior fairs.

Southside Garden novices hold meeting

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, September 14 at 7pm in the Chicago Ridge Village hall (East entry) at 10455 Ridgeland Av. The speaker will be Karen Caldwell who will demonstrate making birdhouses from gourds. There is a \$10 fee for non-members. For information call 708-636-7931.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A response is needed to Trustee Stancik's letter on redevelopment in Oak Lawn. Yes, it is always good to see new businesses in the Village. But the question is: How did the "TIF" express loaded with tax subsidized condos, parking garages, and chain stores find the fast track in Oak Lawn?

Shouldn't major megabuck development mortgaged on tax-strapped homeowners and businesses for 23 years involve more than the Village Manager and Trustees? When block after block of Mom and Pop stores are on the chopping block with fear of eminent domain, the time is right for the people of Oak Lawn to say "Hey, what's going on in our town?"

Research shows TIF districts (and we have 4) are a quick way for Peter (the Village) to give Paul (the developer) an upfront tax-break pile of cash to invest and develop while mortgaging and plunging the community into debt for 23 years.

Research also shows the community and small businesses are virtually left out of the process as evidenced by the "public hearings" thus far in our town! Are 30+ minutes enough time for concerned citizens and businesses to ask questions about a multi-multi million dollar project gutting the heart of Oak Lawn on 95th St? Are 30+ minutes enough time for a business owner to ask — just how much time do I have for my business on 87th—5 years?

Finally research shows with TIFs, taxes are increased and/or created — as in the property tax bill and water bill — or a new utility tax on residents.

Lest anyone think all this is a figment of my imagination, I suggest for reference Mayor Marshall Reagle from Barrington! He has a "crash course" TIF 101 and TIF 102 explaining why you should care if the TIF express is heading to your town!

-Nancy M. Czerwicz

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General Assembly passes fiscally responsible budget

The General Assembly passed a budget without raising income or sales taxes. As the record-long legislative session came to a close last Saturday, State Representative Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) helped pass a budget that increases funding for education, health care and public safety without relying on excessive borrowing or raising the income or sales tax.

State Senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) commented on the budget, saying, "Part of the state appropriations plan for the new fiscal year, which began on July 1, will allow for the increased funding for elementary and secondary education and ensuring dollars are not taken away from community colleges. Throughout this legislative session I have been fighting for dollars for education and health care." The budget includes increased funding for elementary education. The Illinois Education System will receive an additional \$389 million in new funding. Local schools will receive an additional \$542,535 in K-12 funding. Additionally, the budget calls for increases in higher education funding by \$61.7 million.

"As we continue to 'dig out' of the budget hole left by the previous administration, I'm extremely pleased we could continue our focus on increased education funding," said Maloney. Healthcare funding has also been expanded in the

next fiscal year. Approximately \$23 million has been added to help enroll more children in KidCare, the state's health insurance program for uninsured children. In addition, the money spent on this program will actually provide \$66 million with federally funds to provide health care for an estimated 55,000 more people.

The General Assembly also sent legislation to the governor that reforms the Health Facilities Planning Board. The Board has been under state and federal investigation over allegations that the Board voted to place new hospitals and give construction contracts to politically connected communities and companies. House Bill 7307 removes the current nine-member board and replaces them with five new members who have knowledge of the health care field and have no financial interest or business relationship with a health care facility.

Also, this year's budget calls for the funding of a Community Developmental Disability Services Medicaid Trust Fund, which provides

that 1/3 of related federal Medicaid matching funds are reinvested in community developmental disability services.

Tourism dollars for Illinois have also been restored. Approximately \$25 million will be used to invest in Illinois tourism. The current budget, pending Governor Blagojevich's approval, restores \$20 million for open space preservation and \$4.4 million for Natural Area Land Acquisitions. The Legislative leaders and Governor Blagojevich have agreed that the economic development program, Opportunity Returns, will be funded during the fall veto session.

"The Opportunity Returns program is an important trigger for job retention and creation, as well as boosting economic development," Maloney said. "It will assist Illinois in getting the economy back on track."

Rep. Brosnahan summed up the arduous process of passing the budget by saying, "Even though it took longer than was scheduled, the budget we passed will ensure that critical programs are funded while our children are not burdened with paying off our debt."

The budget is now under review by the Governor. The General Assembly will reconvene this November for the fall veto session.

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19th Ward endorses Barack Obama

Senator Barack Obama was a special guest at the recent 19th Ward Democratic Organization Annual Cocktail Reception at the Lexington House. He was given a strong endorsement by State Comptroller Dan Hynes, and received enthusiastic support of the 19th Ward Democratic Organization. Pictured above from left to right are State Representative Kevin Joyce, 19th Ward Committeeman Tom Hynes, Illinois State Comptroller Dan Hynes, and United States Senate Democratic Candidate Barack Obama.

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The idea behind Roja Cosmetics is to offer the custom-

ers a California-style medical and cosmetic spa treatment at Midwest prices. As seen on "Oprah" and "The View," Roja uses the newest technology in skin-care regimens such as Thermage's Thermo-Cool System, which is a nonsurgical face-lift, as well as Botox, Collagen and Restalyne treatments.

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Dr. Kannan Sundar is a Board Certified MD, with many years of experience in Laser Surgery.

Blue Island Park District to hold 5k event

The Blue Island Park District, Blue Island resident Greg Roll and his many volunteers have been instrumental in raising over \$17,600 to benefit the Earl J. Goldberg Aplastic Anemia Foundation with their hard work and dedication with the Annual BIPD 5K and TinKids Triathlon. Support of various local businesses and athletes

over the past three years have allowed EJGAFF to sponsor several bone marrow drives for children suffering with Aplastic Anemia.

The 4th Annual Cruise the Island 5K and TinKids Triathlon is planned for August 14, 2004 at Memorial Park. This is a wonderful way to help the Foundation, get in shape and have fun all at the

same time. All money raised from this event will go to support future bone marrow drives, the Child Life Specialist at the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at Children's Memorial Hospital-Chicago and to support research for better treatments and the cure.

Anyone interested in participating in this extraordinary event please call 708-385-3304 and register today. Registration will also be taken on race day starting at 6:45 a.m. The 5K run/walk begins at 8:00 a.m. The kids triathlon kicks off at 9:00 a.m.

Low-cost drug options offered

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? If so, information on a new booklet might help. The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has published a 48-page booklet, "Free and Low Cost Prescription Drugs 7th

Edition." The revised booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs.

Director of the Institute Gary Nave indicated they have published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that

are available through patient assistance programs, for free or at a very low cost directly from the manufacturer.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$6 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #: RD-75, PO Box 210, Dallas, Pa. 18612-0210. Added information is on the web at www.institutedc.org.



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Female Health Care Provider Scholarship Recipient, Mary Sue Fitzgibbons with Dr. Paula Grabler.

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To schedule your child's free screening, call us in Palos Hills at (708) 599-9500 or in Homewood at (708) 957-7122. Sertoma, experts in children's communication needs, has been serving families for 26 years.

Renaissance Academy to host open house

Saint Xavier University's Renaissance Academy will hold an open house on Sunday, September 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the formal reception room of the Warde Academic Center for prospective students. The program's fall classes begin Tuesday, September 28.

The Renaissance Academy is an association of retired and semi-retired men and women who share learning experiences and intellectual growth in a friendly, relaxed, academic setting, regardless of educational background. Classes are peer-facilitated and include topics covering philosophy, history,

literature, current events, poetry and computer technology.

The Renaissance Academy is affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute, which is devoted to lifelong learning and intellectual stimulation for senior citizens.

Saint Xavier's Warde Aca-

McAuley Volleyball enters grand finale season

Nancy Pedersen, Head Volleyball Coach since 1983, announced she would be handing over the coaching reigns after the 2004-05 season. She will remain as Athletic Director, a position she has held since 1994.

Her winning legacy at McAuley includes 19 Conference titles, 22 Regional titles and 8 state championships. Her career record is 748-108 through the 2003-04 season. She holds numerous Illinois coaching records and was named NFCA National Coach of the Year in 1998.

Pedersen's notable accomplishments on and off the court are numerous. She has served the conference acting many times as Tournament chairperson and Conference Board representative. She has had many Directorships with the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Athletic Director's Association and participated on both Executive Boards.

demie Center is located on the University's Chicago campus at 3700 W. 103rd St. in Chicago. For more information, please call the Renaissance Academy at (773) 298-3149.

Saint Xavier University is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 5,000 men and women with high quality academic programs. It offers 36 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate program options in four schools: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Edu-

cation, Graham School of Management, and School of Nursing.

Located in a residential neighborhood in Chicago, the University offers personalized education that emphasizes challenging undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs of study. *Crain's Chicago Business* July 1, 2002 issue recognized Saint Xavier as the fastest-growing institution among Chicago-area universities and colleges in the 2000-2001 school year.

McAuley senior receives HealthCare Provider Scholarship

Mother McAuley senior Mary Sue Fitzgibbons received the 2004 "Female Healthcare Provider Scholarship" at the Women in Medicine Dinner at Mercy Hospital. The \$1000 college scholarship is awarded to a McAuley student the summer before senior year.

Candidates for the award must have a strong background in science, want to pursue a career in the medical field and participate in the "Young Epidemiology Scholars" (YES) research competition sponsored by the College Board. Early in 2005, Mary Sue will submit a 25-page paper on her findings. To be eligible for national competition, the paper must include the problem solving

in her subject, posing correct questions, collecting relevant data, and an analysis of the findings.

Finalists in the competition will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington DC in April. Two first place winners will receive \$50,000 scholarships. Two second-place winners will receive \$35,000 awards and two \$20,000 will be awarded to third place winners. In addition six national finalists will each receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

Money for the scholarships is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest philanthropic organization dealing with improving health and health care in the United States.



Six St. Laurence High School Latin students received honors

Six St. Laurence Students received honors in 2004 American Classics League/National Junior Classical League National Latin Exam taken on March 9th. Pictured are the St. Laurence winners of 2004.

Seated left to right, Matt Fitzgerald (Magna Cum Laude, Garfield Ridge), Adam Gyrion (Silver Medal, Maxima cum Laude, Garfield Ridge), Christopher Hyc (Magna cum Laude, Garfield Ridge).

Standing left to right, Brad Strandquist (Silver Medal, Maxima cum Laude, Scotsdale, and Kyle Rafferty (Magna cum Laude, Westlawn) and Br. T.C. Mahoney, CFC, Latin teacher)

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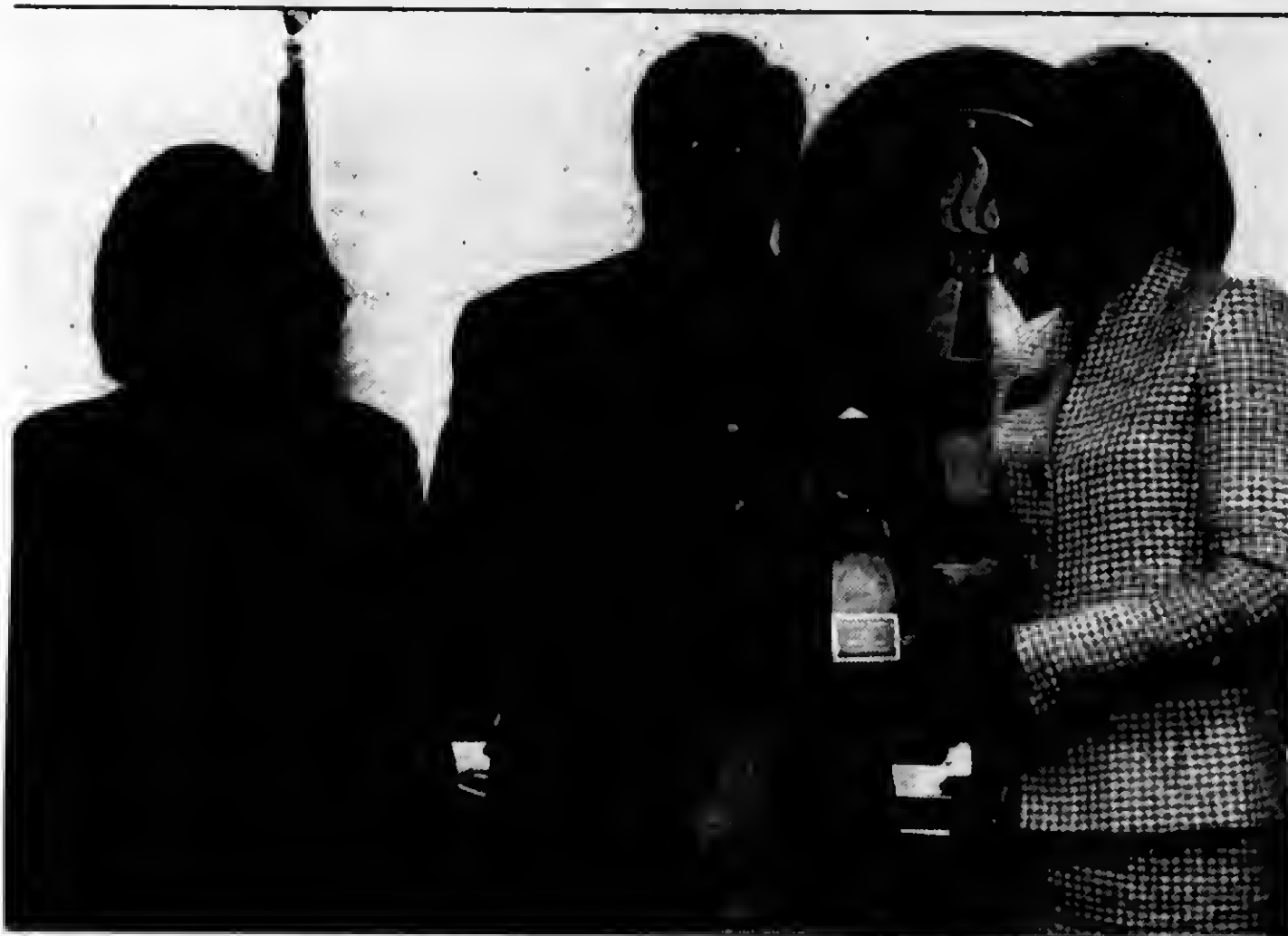
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Moraine photographer takes first in competition

Glenn Carpenter (Lockport), photographer for Moraine Valley Community College, accepts the first place 2004 Paragon Award for Color Photography from Sandy Wagner (right), chairman of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees, and Delores Brooks, director of the Marketing and Publications department at the college. The Paragon awards are given by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations to recognize outstanding achievement in communications at community, junior and technical colleges.

Queen of Peace names new President

Mary Klinefelter has been appointed President of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, IL for 2004.

She has a great number



of qualifications and experience for this esteemed position. Speaking of her new

position, she stated, "I am very excited about this opportunity to make a difference and be part of a wonderful school."

Queen of Peace High School has educated Women of Peace from southwest Chicago and the suburbs since 1962. The class of 2004 earned 100% college acceptance and nearly \$4.2 million in scholarships. In addition, they completed over 23,000 hours of community service.

Queen of Peace to hold reunions

Queen of Peace sponsors Anniversary Class Reunion for the classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1994. The reunion will be held on Saturday, September 25 at 7pm

at Queen of Peace High School.

Those in attendance can enjoy a dinner buffet, drinks and dancing. A class photo will be taken and can be purchased the evening

event. Tickets cost \$40 and must be reserved by September 1, 2004.

For more information about the reunion, call Cindy Kmetty, associate director of development, at 708-458-7600 x 250 or visit the web at www.queenofpeace.org. A reservation form may be downloaded from the site.

Oak Lawn Baseball holds 2005 season tryouts

Oak Lawn Baseball will host tryouts for the 2005 Oak Lawn Lightning Boy's Baseball Travel Teams on Saturday, August 28, but only for the following age groups at the following times and locations.

Boys who will be 10 and

13 years old on July 31, 2005 will try out from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and boys who will be 11 and 12 years old on July 31, 2005 will try out from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. at Ernie Kolb Fields at 99th St. and Central Ave.

Boys who will be 14 years old as of July 31, 2005 will have tryouts from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 93rd St. and Kostner Ave.

To be eligible to try out for the 2005 Oak Lawn Baseball Lightning teams, boys must have played for Oak Lawn Baseball during the 2004 season. For more information, contact Dave Conrath at (708) 424-5212.

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Queen of Peace students help Appalachia needy

Earlier this summer, five Queen of Peace students and two of their teachers joined other students from across the nation to help those in Appalachia build and repair their homes. From bonding to building, these students and teachers worked hard to help others.

In between mowing areas of grass, cleaning and cooking, putting siding on sheds, constructing a bathroom, hauling firewood and a variety of other tasks, Queen of Peace students and others from across the nation prayed together and learned to live simply and appreciate greatly.

Queen of Peace students in attendance included: juniors Megan Scannell of Burbank and Jodie Spizzirri, of Crestwood; and sophomores Kristen Zuro of

Crestwood, Pamela Nisivaco of 99th and Campbell, and Katrina Bergunder of 64th and Lorel. Teacher and service coordinator Maria Gonsiorek and teacher Michele Steff joined these students on their service mission in Appalachia.

The girls in attendance went for different reasons, but each said it was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life. "We built a ditch to keep a home from flooding every time it rained... That Friday, it poured, and the ditch really worked. It was very rewarding," said Megan Scannell about her favorite part of the trip.

Kristen Zuro used a pickaxe for the first time while in Appalachia. Being the only girl assigned to the

task, she said that it made her feel empowered and proud of the new things she was doing that she never imagined. "I reconnected with myself, God, and others... I know that I can make a difference... that every small act of kindness counts and helps. Now that I am back home, I want to do more... like have a food and/or coat drive," Kristen said regarding her trip.

Pamela Nisivaco said that, in the midst of painting a porch, putting up rafters, and other tasks, she "learned what it meant to live simply in a community based on love." The Queen of Peace students who volunteered their time to help others all agreed that the experience was incredible. They want to go back and strongly encourage others to take advantage of the opportunity to help others.

Marist High School now accepting applications

Administrators at Marist High School are now accepting resumes for substitute teacher positions for the 2004 - 2005 academic year. The minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree and strong

interpersonal skills. Opportunities are available for a variety of subjects and grade levels.

Those who wish to be considered for the positions should send a cover letter and resume to Br. Gerard

Brown at Marist High School, located at 4200 W. 11th St. in Chicago, IL, 60655. Resumes may also be sent via fax to (773) 881-0595.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs with a quality education.

Registration starts for community computer courses

District 218 will offer 17 computer courses for community members starting September 7 through late November. Registration forms and class lists are available on the district web site (www.chsd218.org) at all public libraries in District 218, and at the following locations: Eisenhower High School Main office 12700 S. Sacramento, Blue Island, IL 60406; Richards High School Main office, 10601 S. Central Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453; Shepard High School Main office, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60453; District 218 Administrative Center, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Those registering must be at least 18 years old. Proof of residency is required at registration. Registration may be done by mail by sending payment and registration form to: District 218, Attention: Judi Keigher, Instructional Services/Adult Education, 10701 S. Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Registration also may be completed at the above locations between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on school days.

No tuition refunds will be issued unless the enrollment limit for a course has been met. All classes meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

Tuition for District 218 residents is \$40 for a 10-hour course; \$30 for senior citizens

who live in District 218; \$60 for senior citizens living outside District 218; and, \$80 for others that don't live in District 218.

The courses will be held at Eisenhower in Room A100, Richards in Room 142, Shepard in Room A121 (in the Learning Resource Center), and the Administrative Center in Room 145.

Course selections include Windows for Seniors, an introduction to the computer and the Windows platform designed for senior citizens with no computer experience; Introduction to Microsoft Word, an introduction to the most popular word processing program on the market; Intermediate Microsoft Word, which covers more advanced features of Word such as tables, merging, columns and clip art; Introduction to the Internet, which covers the basics of using the Internet Explorer; Office 2000 Overview, which provides an introduction to Windows, the Internet, Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint; Introduction to Microsoft Excel, which covers the basics of creating and editing spreadsheets; Introduction to Scanning, which covers scanning and editing photos and burning photos to CDs; and Introduction to Pinnacle Studio 8, which covers how to transfer home videos to VCD or DVD formats and

adding titles, music and transitions to home videos.

Also, Introduction to Microsoft Access, which includes an overview of designing spreadsheet tables, queries and reports; Introduction to PowerPoint, which familiarizes students with the popular slideshow design program; and, Introduction to the PC, which covers the basics of operating a personal computer.

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At Richards, course offerings will include Introduction to Windows 98 (Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22), Introduction to Word (Sept. 27, 29, Oct. 4, 6), Intermediate Word (Oct. 18, 20, 25, 27), Introduction to Excel (Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10), and Introduction to Access (Nov. 29, Dec. 1, 6, 8).

At the Administrative Center, the course offerings will include Introduction to Word (Oct. 18, 19, 20 and 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.) and Introduction to Excel (Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.)

Village View encourages all drivers to be alert for children going back to school

Moraine Valley Job Placement Center offers help for job seekers

Moraine Valley Community College's Job Placement Center is offering services to job seekers during several different evening workshops throughout the fall 2004 semester.

All workshops will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Job Placement Center located in Room T904 in the college's Center for

Contemporary Technology, located on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The fee for each session is \$15.

The fall workshops include: developing a high-impact resume, on Tuesday, Sept. 14 and Thursday, Oct. 14; job search techniques on Thursday, Sept. 30; Tuesday, Oct. 26; and successful

interviewing strategies on Tuesday, Oct. 5 and Thursday, Nov. 4.

To register, call (708) 974-2110, or visit Moraine Valley's College Center, also located on campus. For more information on these workshops, call the Job Placement Center at (708) 974-5737, or visit online at www.morainevalley.edu/jpc.

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Tony Mockus (Willie Clark) and Dale Benson (Al Lewis) in *Sunshine Boys* at Drury Lane Oakbrook

Laughter reigns with "The Sunshine Boys"

By Marijo Doody

Neil Simon's comedy, "The Sunshine Boys" is the current run at Drury Lane Oakbrook. Al and Willie, played superbly by Chicago veteran actors, Dale Benson and Tony Mockus are the "Sunshine" stars, that portray septuagenarian ex-vaudevillians.

Ben, Willie's nephew, played by Gene Weygandt, tries to get the "Sunshine" two together for a reunion on a CBS TV special commemorating the golden age of vaudeville. However, Al and Willie have not spoken in twelve years and the resulting reunion is a disaster.

Simon's one-liners give the audience non-stop laughter, and if you laugh too long you can miss the next zinger. The play is not only

witty and moving, but also has balance and internal.

In meeting the "Sunshine" stars Dale Benson and Tony Mockus after the performance, it is evident both had a great time in the production rolls.

Both fit the mold in the casting for this piece of history of comic theatre and they gave memorable performances.

Supporting actors in the reunion attempt are Saralynne Crittenden and Kathryn Patton, both making their Drury Lane Oakbrook debuts. The nurse parts were an integral part of the story line. Patton was excellent. She had graduated from Roosevelt's Theatre Arts Program, and we had seen her at the old Evergreen Park Drury Lane's production "Singing in the Rain."

"The Sunshine Boys" was

first produced on Broadway in 1972 with Jack Albertson and Sam Levene. The 1975 film paired Oscar winner George Burns with Walter Matthau and the 1997 Broadway revival reunited Tony Randall and Jack Klugman. Tony Mockus dedicated this performance in tribute to his friend and colleague, Tony Randall and said, "May flights of angels sing him to his rest" in the program notes.

"The Sunshine Boys" will run through October 3, 2004. Performances are on Wednesday at 8pm, Thursday at 2 and 8pm, Friday at 8:30pm, Saturday at 5:30 and 9pm and Sunday at 2 and 7pm. Tickets are \$22-\$26 show only. For reservations call the box office at 630-530-0111.

Saint Xavier University new school of nursing Dean

Saint Xavier University appointed Anne R. Bavier, PhD, RN, FAAN, as its new dean for the School of Nursing. Bavier replaces Mary Lebold, RN, EdD, who retired after 44 years at Saint Xavier, including 13 years as the nursing school's dean.

Dr. Bavier comes to Saint Xavier University after working since 1997 at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. At Emory she held various posts including the Assistant Dean.

She received the Emory University's Award of Distinction, the highest honor given to a university staff member. Dr. Bavier said she was drawn to Saint Xavier University's School of Nursing for its emphasis on Mercy values. She said "As nurses, we must learn the practice and administration aspects of our field, yet we must maintain a sense of ethics and moral values that ultimately must guide us." Bavier arrives at a critical

time for the nursing profession as a national nursing shortage requires more and more capable nurses and leaders. Her work has provided her with a combination of experiences that she will draw upon as she begins her role as dean of Saint Xavier's School of Nursing.

Saint Xavier University President Dr. Judith A. Dwyer said "she comes to Saint Xavier at a pivotal moment, as we guide the university's direction for the future. I know she will bring our School of Nursing to an even greater level of excellent and distinction." Dr. Bavier said she is looking forward to upholding the strong legacy attributed to Saint Xavier's School of Nursing.



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District 124 gears up for new school year

Children attending Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 will commence the 2004-2005 school year on Wednesday, August 25th. On August 25th, 26th, and 27th, students in grades 1 through 8, will begin school at 8:40am and will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. The first day of classes for kindergarten students will be August 30th. The individual building Principals will notify parents of kindergarten students of their school hours.

If the parents of returning students have not received fee packet information in the mail, please call the Business Office at 423-0950 x 2112. The District Office is open from 8am-4pm Monday through Friday. Schedule and Information. Pick-up Days are as follows: August 16, 2004: Northwest and Southwest Schools: 1-4:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm. August 17, 2004: Northeast and Southeast Schools: 1-4:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm. August 18, 2004: Central Junior High: 1-4:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm.

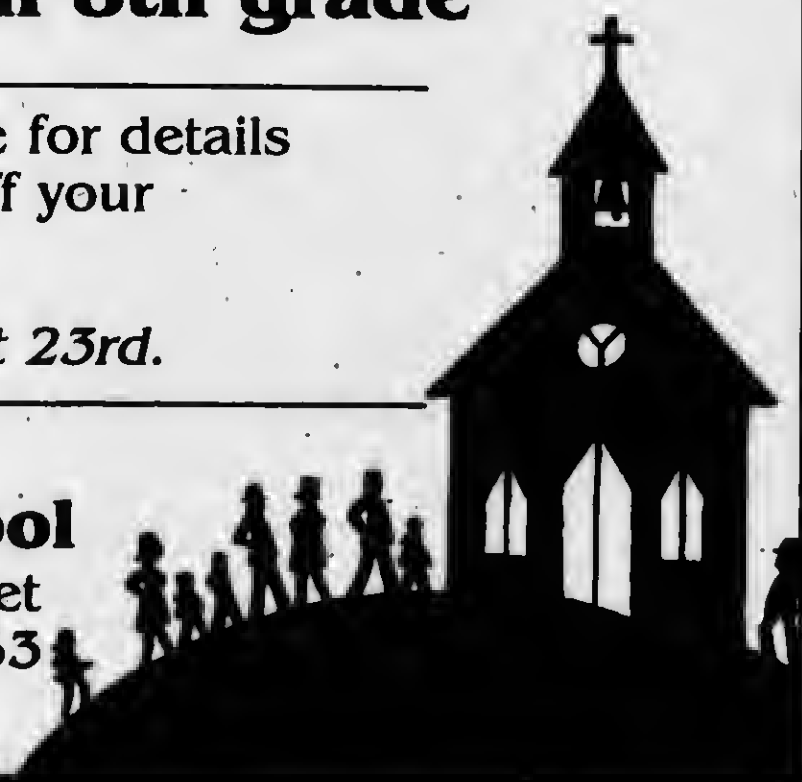
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Oak Lawn Spotlight: Ed Suda

By David Vognar

While at Simmons Middle School in his eighth grade language arts class, Oak Lawn resident Edward Suda, now 18, faced a tough assignment. He had to bring into class a physical model that would help demonstrate his paper on urban planning. Most of his classmates needed help, whether in borrowing their fathers' cameras to demonstrate photography or asking older sisters to part with hair ties that could show the class just how to braid those incorrigible teenage dollops. Suda required help himself—to cart and construct a 36-square foot miniature city into Mr. Robert Gath's classroom.

Suda's diminutive fictional town, and the meticu-

lous detail put into its creation, is emblematic of the young man's tooth-and-nail drive not just to succeed, but to mix his hard-won academic and personal achievements with a creativity wrought with literary and imaginative flair.

Valedictorian of his high school class, Eagle Scout, honest friend, adroit trombonist, son, brother, boyfriend, and loyal citizen, Ed Suda represents Oak Lawn at its finest. Suda will be attending the Illinois Institute of Technology this fall to study architecture under a five-year \$100,000-plus Camras Scholarship that covers full-tuition and allows Suda entry into challenging internship and research programs. But there is much more to Ed Suda than his stalwart aca-

demie girth and his amassing of scholarship money.

Just like any teenager, Suda has his own style and does what he likes best. Suda is an amateur tennis player—meaning he loves to play the game. Also, Suda is an avid reader of nonfiction and science fiction—meaning Isaac Asimov—and dabbles in everything from ballroom dancing to the handmade arts. This mature individual, though a paean to the ideals of the Renaissance man, has also been known and routinely upbraided for the pleasure he finds in Marxist works; in spite of the global community's repudiation, the plucky idealist Suda still enjoys the comic puns of Chico, Harpo, Groucho, Gummo and Zeppo.

In addition to his throw-back sense of humor, Suda is an acolyte of Diana in that he loves gardening, hiking and the outdoors. Occasionally, Suda logs in hours at the Village View newspaper to assist in the page-layout and

setup processes of the publication.

As Suda himself said in his valedictory address at the Oak Lawn Community High School commencement ceremony, "I could go on telling silly anecdotes that only a few people might find humorous to exemplify this point, but I won't. That's up to the individual to reflect upon, which is what I ask all of you to do on this day. Just sit back and think of how every event and person you've ever encountered in your past four years at OLCBS has affected you. Finally, just be glad you were able to have so many rewarding experiences in your high school career, even if you don't realize it now."

Though Suda may not realize it yet, his impact on OLCBS and the community at large is felt through and through. His contribution to the area is significant, forged by both words and deeds whose originality will be missed when he moves on to college.



Sheriff's Boot Camp celebrates 100th graduating class

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan (center) and Cardinal Francis George (left) congratulate a member of the 100th graduating class of the Cook County Sheriff's Boot Camp program. Cardinal George also gave the commencement address to the class of 42 members, who are former Cook County Jail inmates.

Since the Sheriff's Boot Camp program opened in 1997, more than 3,600 inmates have graduated from the 18-week program.

Dr. Hogg initiates child identification program

Dr. James J. Hogg will be celebrating his 20th year in dentistry on August 25th. He started his career as a



University of Illinois. Dr. Hogg and his associates have been practicing dentistry at 103rd St. and Central Ave. in Oak Lawn for the past eight years.

In celebration of his 20 years in business, Dr. Hogg and his staff conducted a community service project called "Toothprints," which benefited approximately 300 children in the surrounding area. "Toothprints" is a child safety program that records children's teeth and saliva, which can be used for identification in the event the children are ever reported missing.

sole practitioner located on the south side of Chicago at 83rd and Kedzie. Dr. Hogg, a graduate of University of Illinois College of Dentistry, was also a clinical professor at

Saint Xavier University child-care moves to new location

To create more learning and teaching space on its Chicago campus and to foster a closer relationship between the university and the community, Saint Xavier University will relocate its child care facility to the United Methodist Church of Mount Greenwood, 11000 S. St. Louis Ave. The new facility opens in mid-August.

Saint Xavier University Child-Care at the United Methodist Church of Mt. Greenwood, is about one

mile from the Chicago campus and will provide advantages over the current location including more space, easy pick up and drop off access, reception area, child-size wash rooms and central air-conditioning.

Saint Xavier University Child-Care Service will

continue to employ the same play-based curriculum designed to develop each child's social, motor and problem solving skills. Families with children in the program will incur no new costs. Approximately 85% of the enrollees are children of Saint Xavier students.

Worth welcomes Irish Dance school

Lavin-Cassidy School of Irish dancing opened at 6401 W. 107th St. (corner of Ridgeland & 107th) in Worth Ill. It features two studios each with a "floating" floor, used by professional dance companies. For information and schedule of classes call 708-3741 or 773-404-9100. For more information, visit the school's website at www.lavincassidy.com.

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Anita's kitchen favorites

By Anita Anderson

Peanut Butter Monsters

Here's a good cookie from Northern Minnesota : Peanut Butter Monsters. Cookies made with peanut butter are a long time favorite. Peanut butter was first developed as a health food and exhibited at the 1904 St. Louis Fair.

Recipe:

1/2 cup unsalted butter
1/2 cup peanut butter, creamy or chunky
1/2 cup chopped dry roasted peanuts
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 large egg
2 tsp vanilla
1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp baking powder, baking soda and 1/4 tsp salt

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets. In large bowl mix with an electric mixer butter, peanut butter, sugars, egg and vanilla. Stir in dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, soda and salt). Mix until well blended. Place cookie mounds on baking sheets and press with a fork dipped in flour. Bake 10 to 15 minutes until light brown. Cool and enjoy.

Lawry's offers innovative and timeless cuisine

By Anita Anderson

By today's standards, 30 years is a long time span, especially, if like Lawry's The Prime Rib at 100 E. Ontario St., they can be proud of the fact that people keep coming back for more. Prime rib that is. They have been in business in the old Hamilton McCormick mansion since 1938.

The historic mansion/restaurant is steeped in art. Wonderful wood fireplace, striking oil paintings and mahogany furniture. And the prime rib served on a cart and cut to your specifications with Yorkshire pudding, salad and baked pota-

toes.

Lawry's was the first in the U.S. to serve a tossed salad before the main entree with their famous seasonings of herbs and spices.

They also pioneered valet parking and "doggie bags". Lawry's whipped cream horseradish also sophisticated America's culinary tastes for something different. In 1993 fresh salmon and lobster were also added to the menu. Don't leave without trying the creamed spinach and of course a dessert like banana cream pie with coconut or white chocolate Key lime pie.

Lunch offers self-service Ale & Sandwich bar of

the prime rib and turkey platters for hungrier appetites.

To dine in a restaurant off of Chicago's Magnificent Mile with the feel of an English manor house, if worth the trip from the suburbs Plus, the restaurant boasts proximity to Millennium Park. Call 312-787-5000 for reservations. Speaking of leaving the South Suburbs. Heed to another 30 year-old-legend, Le Francais in Wheeling. It's about a 35 minute drive from 95th Street and Cicero Avenue. If you want to highlight a special event in your life with romance and French flair then your problems are solved.

Wisconsin Bing Cherry Pie

Fresh picked fruit is in abundance at your grocery store produce section. Time to use some of the fresh goodness in treats for your family. How about this Fresh Wisconsin Bing Cherry Pie?

Recipe:

3/4 cup plus 1 tbs sugar
3 tbs cornstarch
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt
4 cups pitted fresh or frozen bing cherries
1 tbs fresh lemon juice
1/4 tsp almond extract
1 tbs unsalted butter, cut into little bits

Pie crust recipe:

1/12 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp salt
1 stick plus
1 tbs unsalted butter or 1/2 cup chilled lard
1 large egg, lightly beaten
2 tsp fresh lemon juice
3 to 4 tbs chilled ice water

For the crust, combine flour and salt in large bowl. Cut in butter or lard until it is in pea size pieces. Whisk egg, lemon juice and 3 tbs water. Drizzle over crumb mixture. With fork mix until pastry holds together in a ball. Add more ice water if needed. Turn out onto floured surface and knead twice to shape dough into ball. Wrap in plastic and chill 30 minutes before rolling out.

For the pie, prepare and chill pie crust (use recipe or prepared crust) Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Divide pastry into 2 halves and roll 1 part out on a lightly floured surface to fit a 9-inch pie pan. Line pan with pastry. In large bowl mix 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon and salt. Add cherries, lemon juice and almond extract. Mix with a spatula until cherries are coated. Turn cherries into pastry-lined pan. Dot with butter. Roll out second half of dough on floured surface to 1/4-inch thickness. Fold dough into quarters and position the point of the fold on the center of the pie. Unfold to cover filling. Moisten edges and trim, seal and crimp. Sprinkle top of pastry with the 1 tbs. sugar. Bake 15 minutes at 425 and then reduce oven to 350. Bake 40 more minutes or until crust is golden and filling is bubbly. Cool on wire rack.





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and Vincent Davis Quartet. The benefit takes place Friday, August 20 at 7 p.m., lasting until the music stops. The party takes place on the Holy family grounds at 1080 West Roosevelt Road (at May Street, 1100 West, Chicago). Tickets are \$25 and include three beverages. Guests must be at least 21

years of age. Proceeds benefit the Holy Family Parish Outreach and Service Ministry. Food will be available for purchase and parking is free.

Tours of Chicago's second oldest church (1857) and newly uncovered hidden treasures will be available. For more information contact the web at www.holyfamilychurch.org.

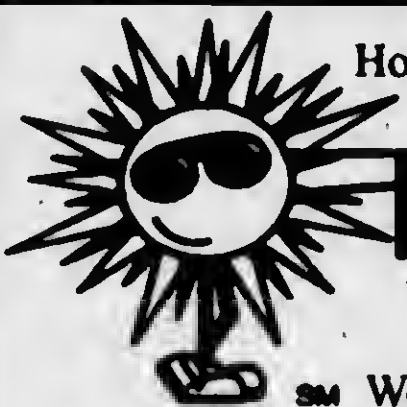
Holy Family parish church survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, was threatened with demolition in 1990 and escaped serious damage by fire just a year ago. In the hidden treasures are a collection of 19th century jeweled crowns, church artifacts, sacred vessels, relics and vestments imported from Europe that will be on display.

Holy Family has served generations of Chicagoans, initially persons of Irish descent and then later those with German, Italian, Hispanic and African-American roots. Today, the church is nearly restored to its 1890 Victorian-style splendor and serves west and near south side parishioners as well as others from the entire metropolitan area as well as visitors to the city.

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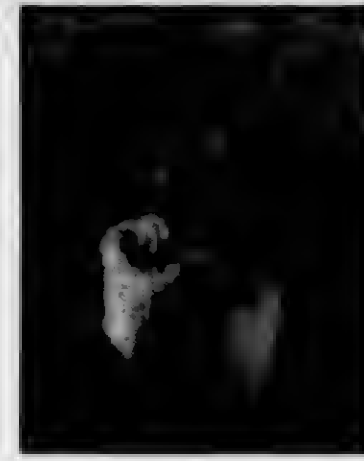
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF JONATHAN W. COLLINS



Since this war on terror began it has become inevitable that families will lose loved ones in the form of young servicemen and women who will die as casualties of war for this country.

Names of the killed in action flash across the tv screen and we find ourselves holding our hands in prayer as tears are shed for our innocent youth, heroes who are dying to make a difference.

Then comes a day when the tragedy touches someone you know. You hear the name of a fallen soldier and your heart stops cold because you know the family who has lost one of their own.

Such was the case August 8, 2004 when the devastating news was reported that Lance Cpl. Jonathan Collins lost his life in Iraq.

I did not know Jonathan personally, but I did know of him. He happened to be the 19 year old grandson of friends of ours, John and Alice Collins. John and Alice were extremely proud of their grandson.

I knew a little of Jonathan through the updates his prolific grandmother wrote about in her weekly newspaper column. Alice, as is her giving nature, involved friends and readers alike to join together in supporting our troops in Iraq and Af-

ghanistan. Thanks to her generosity and caring determination to bring a little comfort of home to our troops overseas, thousands of pounds of much needed supplies were sent to our military—packages that were a welcomed respite in the middle of hell on earth.

Jonathan would relay the messages of appreciation from soldiers who benefitted from these special care packages.

I had no sooner read Alice's recent column about Jonathan's much anticipated homecoming in a few weeks, when the mournful news was reported.

What can you say to a family who has lost a limb from their family tree? All the words in the world could not adequately express the empathy in our hearts.

I watched the news that night as Jonathan's mother Angel brought the effects of war a little closer to home. Tears flowed freely as she recalled the hope her son had for helping the people of Iraq. It's hard to comprehend how our young men and women of the military can give their all and risk their lives to help people who thank them by angrily throwing rocks and spitting at them.

This is just one instance of the savage behavior our ser-

vicemen and women are dealing with in this Middle East monstrosity.

When we are faced with the mortal effects up close and personal; when we bear witness to the deep emotional wounds of grieving friends who have lost a family member much too young to die, it brings the heart break of this insidious war right to our door step.

Moments after I heard the tragic news I reached for a book off the shelf; it was a book Alice had published a few years ago. I opened it up to the page where a loving grandmother joyfully wrote about the birth of her second grandchild. Her words overflowed with excitement, her thoughts wrapped in gratitude and love for this blessed bundle of new life. The column had been written December 31st, 1984 — it was dedicated to her new grandson, Jonathan.

Little did they know that this little boy would grow up to be a committed young man who would proudly serve his country as a U.S. Marine. Tragically they had no way of knowing he would also lose his life to this senseless act of war.

Our sincerest sympathies are being sent to the Collins family on the wings of friendship and abiding prayer. We genuinely pray that the Good Lord will guide you through your grief, as the guardian angel of peace welcomes its newest heavenly hero home, a courageous young Marine, who proudly served his country, paying the ultimate price.

Lance Cpl. Jonathan W. Collins, may you rest in the arms of angels.

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China's Forbidden City

By Marijo Doody

The Field Museum in Chicago has opened its doors to "Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong."

To create this exhibition, the Museum has borrowed nearly 400 artifacts and art objects from Beijing's Palace Museum. Most have never before been seen in the U.S., and many have never traveled outside the walls of the Forbidden City, including the throne room, the chamber of an imperial wife, and the emperor's personal Buddhist shrine. My colleague, Annette, who had been to China last year, indicated she had not seen many of the artifacts in the Forbidden City.

It was the largest empire the world had ever seen, stretching from the Siberian forests to the South China Sea and from the mountains of Tajikistan to the island of Sakhalin, north of Japan. It's resources-gold, and jade, in rice and silk, in livestock, lands and priceless art-made it richer than all of Europe combined. One man who held absolute power over 300 million subjects for sixty years the emperor who was Qianlong led it.

The emperor Qianlong was a man of many talents and interests, an administrator, a hard-working bureaucrat, a skilled military strategist, a diplomat, a scholar, a poet, a collector and critic of the arts. He was a Manchu, an ethnic minority from the northwest corner of China, ruling over a much larger majority of Han Chinese. He practiced the Tibetan form of Buddhism, even while supporting his country's other major religions.

In the exhibit all form of religion were represented, as the culture and religious beliefs of his people were presented. The "Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong." focuses on the emperor who brought an empire of diverse cultures and historic strengths to unprecedented heights.

The exhibit deals with a relatively recent period-



"Splendors of China's Forbidden City. The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong."

1736 to 1795-when China, like the United States, was starting to build toward what it is today. It is a personalized exhibit as it has a direct connection with one man, Emperor Qianlong. It examines his tours of the empire to review public works, the intertwining of symbols and practices of Han and Manchu culture, the outdoor life as he was an expert horseman and hunter and he admired these skills in both men and women. The sports equipment shown in the exhibit is exquisite.

Emperor Qianlong did not live alone in the Forbidden City. He had more than 40 wives of various ranks-who

also lived in the palace walls, with their children, the wives of former emperors, maids, and eunuch servants. During the day, the complex was filled with guards, government officials and other workers.

The exhibit depicts a vivid picture of what life was like for the royal family, especially women. Some say the palace women were only "birds in a gilded cage." Certainly their activities and relationships were restricted, but in the exhibit there is a painting of a young woman on horseback, handing an arrow to the emperor, and the painting hints of something more. The exhibit showed

that Qianlong was deeply in love with his first empress, writing poems about her long after her death.

Throughout the exhibition an extraordinary range of objects is on display, including jade carvings and ceramics, statues of gold and bronze, imperial dragon robes, hunting gear and weapons, elegant calligraphy and musical instruments, and extraordinarily detailed paintings by Qianlong's court artists, who include several Jesuit missionaries.

"Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong," was developed by the Field Museum in cooperation with the Palace Museum of Beijing. When I first saw the schematic at the Member's party last year, I knew I had to see the exhibit. Corporate sponsorship and foundation funding was used in bringing these treasures to Chicago.

Tickets to "Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong" exhibit are \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children 3-11. Basic museum admission is included. The exhibition runs through September 12, 2004.

Beverly Arts Center brings opera

By Marijo Doody

Peter McDowell of Chicago's Cultural Affairs Department produced this opera program. A superb creative team consisting of music director Francesco Milioto, director Jay Paul Skelton, design David Lee Csicko, and choreographer Jeff Hancock united to lead the productions. It includes an array of gifted veterans of the Lyric Center for American Artists, Chicago Opera Theater and other launching pads.

Show stopper is Stacey Tappan, Lyric Opera Center alum (who will be seen in the upcoming "Ring.") She played a princess, the angry Fire and a nightingale. Other excellent singers in the cast are Laurel Cameron as the child, Veronica McHale, John Concepcion, James Martin and Jessye Wright, a couple of seductive cats.

An extraordinary chorus of racially mixed high school and other participants from Gallery 37 Ars Musica Vo-

cal Operatics can put a professional ensemble to shame. This ensemble under the direction of Milioto and director Andrew Schultz was one of the most together groups seen. When they became jumping frogs in the reptile ballet they were wonderful.

The number of excellent training programs for young professional musicians has grown. The abilities of these young artists are great news for area audiences and enterprising presenters. We salute the Beverly Arts Center for bringing this program to the South Side. Let this be the beginning. The audience was mixed in age and every way and children were saying I like this. Seniors were saying we do not have to go downtown now.

The BAC is thrilled to celebrate the birthday of Chicago singer/songwriter Michael McDermott with an acoustic concert given by McDermott himself on Saturday August 21 at 8pm. Call 773-445-3838 for tickets or visit the online at www.beverlyartcenter.org/.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:
For all Signs for August 17 thru August 30th

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Numi") go to TheDailyPsychic.Com and visit JackiMari.Com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You might be asking yourself what you were so worried about? You have everything you need to be a winner! R helps.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Be aware, alerted to the truth that what you dream can be reality in disguise. Write down those dreams for later review.

Numi says: There is a power within you that can truly move mountains.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Keep on keeping on. Read self-help books and listen to self-help tapes, you will truly be happy that you did. B involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: G and W are involved in your life whether you like it or not, and, they have little if anything to offer. Caution advised.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You cannot be sure of anyone more than yourself and your own intentions. Rethink your life. Make changes.

Numi says: If you know what needs changing and do not make them, you negate the good!

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: A prediction can never be proven until it happens, but, I predict that you'll have what you need soon. M and S aid.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: When you think about it, life has been pretty good to you. You have learned to live life and not let life live you! Got it?

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the number 6 message and add this: the electric in your body (mind) is so powerful it can do most anything! R aids too.

Numi says: You, too, have helps you cannot see, hear, feel, taste or smell but they are here now!

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign and Pisces: You are not alone in your desire to know what to do, when to do it and with whom. M and J can explain and assist you.

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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights:
A Healing Tree (reprint by request)

My dreams and visions, as well as my psychic predictions, almost always come true (reportedly a 93% accuracy). Early in the morning of July 12, 2004, I had both a dream and a vision. First the vision, then the dream, both showing me a tree in a cemetery or a small wooded area. I seemed to recognize the area in the dream and the vision. The tree had a "hollowed out" spot and inside was something that sparkled like diamonds or quartz crystal. Water was squirting out from the hollow of the tree and it smelled a little like the smell of lilacs, very faintly, but definitely like flowers. This must be a clue! I was told by a voice to find the tree and tell everyone about it because the water heals - heals every disease, illness or condition and pain! If I had the money set aside I could find that tree and help thousands, if not all of mankind. I was told the water will not "stop" flowing from the tree. It is here in Illinois. I think if I can find missing people and help solve murder cases, I can find that tree.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Benefit for Amanda Tyler Davis



On August 28th from 1 to 5pm, the Tyler family will be hosting a benefit dinner for their daughter Amanda at Durbin's, located at 5406 W. 79th St. in

Burbank, IL. Tickets will be \$15 and include pizza, beer, soft drinks, and an entry to the grand raffle drawing. Added raffles and a silent auction will also

occur. To obtain tickets call Orville at (708) 563-2909 or at the door.

Amanda was born March 16, 2002, and in May 2004 she was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma. It has spread to a lymph node in her neck and bone marrow.

It is not usually diagnosed prior to the age of two. Please help the Tyler family by attending Amanda's benefit.

Anna's Linens coming to Evergreen Park

Mayor Jim Sexton recently announced that Evergreen Park will soon be the home of Ann's Linens which currently operates over 148 stores in ten states. The store will be located at The Plaza and will be the first store in the southwest suburbs.

Mayor Sexton said "we have many wonderful things happening in the Village and we would like to encourage people to come out to the grand opening in August sometime at The

Plaza. It is with our sales tax dollar that we can continue to bring improvements and attract fine stores

to Evergreen Park."

Anna's Linens headquartered in California is a leading linens store and is in competition with Bed bath & Beyond and Linen N Things. Anna's will be selling bedding, bath, window coverings and decorative products.

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Chicago's Green City Market's annual benefit

By Annette Dixon

Les Dames d'Escoffier and Chicago's Green City Market presented their annual Lincoln Park Picnic. The Chef's BBQ prepared grilled seasonal, market-fresh foods. Amalea Tshilds introduced white beans marinated with olive oil and garnished with arugula, goat cheese, red onion, and roast garlic vinaigrette, served with pork or fish. Amalea and Jason Hammel, her partner will become partners in life on September 19, 2004. Lula is located at 2537 N. Kedzie Blvd. in Chicago and is open for brunch and dinner. A specialty of there's is the appetizing special rhubarb custard stuffed brioche French toast with Michigan sweet cherries and brandy crème anglaise. One can order egg ensembles. One is a three-egg frittata with home fries or a breakfast burrito or lox scramble with arugula, dill cream cheese, accompanied with home fries and toast.

Dinner entrees at Lula include salmon, New York Strip Steak, or Chicken al Mattone.

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Chris Nugent, Chef at Betise (French) mentioned his sautéed Herb Gnocchi with Goat Cheese Fondue, tomatoes, asparagus and Basil Oil. Of course by 7:15 the drippings were gone. So the menu at Betise Plaza de Lago 1515 Sheridan Rd. in Wilmette is French and surely quite delicious and pricey.

The perfect meal for me was Kinnikinnick farm vegetables. They had left over greens from the Wednesday's Chicago Green City Market. Surprisingly the greens were crisp and tasty plus organic. The farm's located in Caldonia and the young couple is at the market every week. My friend's perfect meal was the fresh cut beef on Italian bread and the Italian sausage on ends of bread from the chef's at the Ritz Carleton Hotel.

Jerry Bowner, a

Viennoiserie specialist gave a delightful array of sample from his bakery in Evanston. His breads were the best I've tasted. Bennison's Bakeries Inc. serves several hospitals, restaurants. The rye bread is unlike any rye I have seen or eaten.

Some rolls had fruited imbedded and some had various nuts. The consistency of bread was soft, but not spongy, perfectly colored brown and so tasty, it was difficult to walk away.

When we went to get a bag at the evening end Bennison's Bakery gave us a bag full of rolls and a loaf of Italian/French long bread that was delicious. The phone numbers at Bennison's Bakeries Inc is 847-328-9434, or visit the web at www.bennisoncakes.com.

The purpose of the Les Dames d'Escoffier organization is to support and promote the understanding, appreciate and knowledge of food, wines, fine beverages, nutrition, the arts of the table and other fields as they relate to the discipline along with the support for the personnel holding the weekly market. We learned that the fees to the City of Chicago had to be paid along with other overhead.

Oak Lawn Park District calls for Memorial Pool referendum

By Edward Suda

On Monday, August 9, 2004, the Oak Lawn Park District Board of Trustees met for the second of their monthly meeting. This meeting opened with the awarding of a certificate of achievement in excellence in financial reporting to the Oak Lawn Park District for maintaining higher standards of financial reporting compared to what is simply required.

The board then moved on to formally recognize the individuals in the 1,000 Mile Club who have passed the 1,000 mile mark. Each was given a plaque commemorating the event.

Following the recognition portion of the meeting, the trustees then brought up

the issue of Memorial Pool. During the 2004 season, Memorial Pool has been closed down, and the Park District is currently investigating on what is the best option for the facilities. There was discussion of possibly constructing a water park, indoor/outdoor pool, or a splash pad.

Before the issue is resolved, the trustees called for an advisory referendum to collect information on what the community feels should be done with the facilities. Following the advisory referendum, a referendum may be placed on the April ballot. There was some objection though, to the use of the term "water park" on the advisory referendum, citing concerns over the vague language. Trustee Callahan urged that

the ballot be reworded, because he was concerned the vague wording could cause the measure to fail.

The final wording that will be placed on the advisory referendum will call for the approval or rejection of "an aquatic facility which could include an indoor and outdoor pool."

Local citizens also expressed their views on Memorial Pool. There was a call for a water park to replace Memorial Pool and concerns over the tight restrictions of the Oak Lawn pool systems that may negatively impact attendance. Also, citizens urged the necessity to construct a water park in order to keep Oak Lawn competitive with pools in neighboring communities.

Governor Blagojevich reviews end-of-year legislation

Assistant State Senate Majority Leader Viverito (D-Burbank) and Speaker of the House Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) have advanced legislation granting families of Illinois soldiers killed during Operation Ensuring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom a death benefit of \$264,500. The bill passed both the Senate and the House with unanimous support.

The next of kin of soldiers serving in the United States Armed Forces currently receive a Death Gratuity of \$12,000, an increase of \$6,000 benefit, before the "Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003" was signed in November.

"Over 40 soldiers from Illinois have given their

lives in combat protecting our nation," said Viverito, a Korean War Veteran (Editor's note: The Village View extends its sympathies to Alice Collins on the death of her nephew killed in Iraq last week.). The state of Illinois is already providing death benefits for civil defense, civil air patrol, chaplains, law enforcement officers, paramedics and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The new law adds U.S. Armed Forces members, Illinois National Guard members and Reservists to the list of those eligible for benefits under the Line of Duty Compensation Act.

Upon Governor Blagojevich's signature of Senate Bill 1668, Illinois

will be the first state to provide additional death benefits for military personnel. The extended benefits will be available to the immediate family or dependents of U.S. military personnel who were killed between January 1, 2003 and the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Viverito said, "Through this act, we are doing all we can to acknowledge the family's loss, while providing support for the future and I cannot imagine the loss a family experiences when losing a loved one."

Viverito continued, saying, "I am hopeful other states will follow Illinois' lead and provide for the families of fallen soldiers."

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August 17, 2004

Oak Forest sets sights on future growth

By Edward Suda

On Tuesday, August 10, the Oak Forest City Council held their second monthly meeting, starting the session off on a positive note of thanks to the fire department for their help with the city's soccer program. Also, thanks went out to the many organizations which helped make the Crime Prevention Commission's 8th Annual Night Out a success. This program aims to prevent crime in the community by promoting local vigilance in the neighborhoods. Crime Prevention Commission Chairman Dennis Mitzner then stated that the next Annual Night Out is scheduled for August 5, 2005.

Afterwards, the aldermen went on to briefly discuss Ordinance No. 2836, which amends the zoning ordinance to allow for multiple classifications of manufacturing and industrial districts and specific performance standards on these sites. After assurances that the business district would not be affected by this alteration, the motion passed unanimously.

The most discussion of the night ensued with the issue regarding Ordinance No. 2837, which discussed the Official Future Land Use Map/Plan to accommodate possible changes in the local needs of Oak Forest, as deemed necessary by the city's adoption of the Gateway Corridors Plan, a city-wide beautification plan stretching from 159th St. to 167th St. along Cicero Ave. With the possible approval of this plan, low density residential, public, and institutional land, such as Ar-

bor Park and the forested eastern side of Oak Forest Hospital, would be rezoned for transit, commercial, and mixed use purposes.

The rationale is that those selected sites are likely to achieve a higher density in the future and that rezoning now is necessary to prevent the retardation of Oak Forest's growth. It was admitted though that current indicators do not point to significant development in the area. The motion was tabled until the next meeting because problems with the email system prevented the aldermen from receiving maps outlining the zoning changes.

A concerned citizen expressed opposition to this plan after the meeting's adjournment, citing that existing, developed lots are still vacant, making the possible destruction of open land seem fruitless for the community's long-term health.

Following this discussion, the aldermen unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2838, which calls for the posting of signs that prohibit parking, standing, or stopping from noon until 4 p.m. on Long Ave. during school days.

The Council then approved partial payment of \$175,364.28 to Alpha Construction Company for work done for the city of Oak Park, as well as a payment of \$9,960 to Frazier Concrete for the construction of a sidewalk on Forest Avenue from Cypress Court to Sycamore Lane. Following these, the council approved the installation of blacktop sidewalks along 151st St. and payment of \$15,599 to Shamrock Blacktop, Inc.

After the payments were approved, District 142 Assistant Superintendent Bill LeMonnier announced that he plans to retire as of June 30, 2005, though he hopes to continue to officiate at basketball games.

Also, local citizen Leonard Budner voiced concern regarding the conditions of Shadow Creek, claiming that maintenance work has not been done in over four years. He went on to state that despite the work the city had previously done, the creek "was getting worse." The work the city had done, Budner claimed, created more of a health hazard because the ruts created by the equipment retain water, which form ideal mosquito breeding grounds. The council vowed to look into the claims and investigate possible action.

Before closing the meeting off to executive session, City Clerk Scott Burkhardt briefed the council on the progress of the new electric monitoring and new billing systems the city adopted. As a result, over \$25,000 in past due bills has been paid since the system's implementation. Despite the progress, Burkhardt still maintains that he will seek collection of those that still have debt to the city by entering Phase II of water shut-off.

Burkhardt also commented on the situation of the city's email system, saying that the current difficulties are a result of recent system updates, but that this signifies one step closer to a paper-free system. Until the problems are remedied, hard copies of necessary information will be provided.



Village of Orland Park announces Garden Contest winners

The Village of Orland Park is pleased to announce the winners of the 2004 Garden Contest. Fourteen single-family homeowners submitted their gardens for consideration in the contest. Points were given for overall appearance and maintenance, use of color and texture, use of native plants, variety and combination of plants and flowers, and suitability of plants and landscaping.

Louis DeSanto of Old Tamarack Lane won the first place award by using creative and natural plantings all

around the house and yard. DeSanto used an abundance of variegated plants mixed with solid greens and flower accents to create a natural flow and a feeling of serenity throughout the grounds. The property is meticulously maintained and flowerbeds are free of weeds without the use of mulch or stone.

Chris Garand of Eagle Ridge I won the second place award for creating a family and entertainment friendly patio and decking area with a fire pit. Natural plantings within the area, accented

with colorful flowers and tropical potted trees, add to the friendly and colorful atmosphere. Awards will be presented on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting.

Robert and Jayne Warren of Brook Hills placed third with colorful plants and flowers and a beautiful stone pond stocked with fish.

Sandy Czajka of the Maycliff subdivision and Ray and Sue Dignan of Crystal Tree were named Honorable Mentions.

New Tinley Park Library set to open

Join the Tinley Park Public Library as we hand deliver the last book to its new home on Saturday, August 28 beginning at 10am in our Walk-In' to the new event. Registration is free and can be done at Founders Bank, located at 17865 S. 80th Avenue.

Lobby hours are Monday through Friday from 9am to 7pm, and Saturday from 9am to 1pm. The event is a great way for residents, community organizations and staff to participate in the celebration.

Also to aid in the move, the Tinley Park Public Li-

brary is having a "Moving Sale" of all remaining tables, chairs, shelving, computers, numerous miscellaneous items, and a drop box. The sale will take place on Monday, August 30 and Tuesday, August 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cash and checks only will be accepted. The sale will be held at the current library building, located at 17101 S. 71st Ave. in Tinley Park. For more information on the sale, call (708) 532-0161.

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Chicago Ridge Public Library announces youth programs

The Chicago Ridge Public Library recently announced a program sponsored by the Youth Services Department, in conjunction with the American Library Association and Major League Baseball.

To play the game, the individual must answer questions about baseball for each "hit" and proceed to the next base with each correct answer. Questions are age appropriate and are on four levels: up to 10 years old; 11 to 13; 14 to 17; and 18 and up. Fill out a playbook to mail in; the ref's box, located at the reference desk, will give you any help you need. You could win tickets to a designated game of the 2004 Ma-

ior League Baseball World Series.

Programs for children include Tuesday Movie Matinees, which will be held on August 17 at 2 p.m., showcasing "Angels in the Outfield," and Tuesday, August 24 at 2 p.m. will show "The Sandlot." Popcorn and beverages will be served. On Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m., Family Storytime provides a night of special stories for the whole family. Registration is required to attend. On Thursday, August 19 at 2 p.m., Backpack Defense lessons will be given by Dr. Jeanette Fefles, Chiropractic Physician, who will show the entire family how to care for the back and

shoulders when carrying a heavy backpack. Registration is also required. Also on Thursday, August 19 and 26 from 5-6:30 p.m., the library will host Drop-In Crafts for kids ages 3 through grade 8.

Programs for teens include Teen Game Night on Thursday, August 24 at 7 p.m.. The library invites all to bring a game and a snack to share. Teen Movie Night, on Tuesday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m., will feature a movie, popcorn, and beverages.

To register for programs requiring registration, come into the library or call 708-423-7753. The Chicago Ridge Public Library is located at 10400 S. Oxford in Chicago Ridge.



Rendering of the new art and communication center at Trinity Christian College

Andrew Corp. supports new art and communications center

Andrew Corp. and its employees committed a gift of \$250,000 toward the construction of the Art and Communication Center at Trinity Christian College. This marks the second time in four years that the telecommunications equipment manufacturer, based in Orland Park, IL, has funded a new building on Trinity's campus.

"We are thankful that An-

drew Corp. has invested in our efforts to enhance the education of our students and expand our outreach within the community," said Rick VanDyken, executive associate to the president for development. "They appreciate the importance of the art and communication arts programs to our campus and the surrounding communities."

Andrew's gift pushes Trin-

ity beyond the halfway point of the \$9 million needed to cover construction costs. The company also contributed to funding the Heritage Science Center, which was completed in 2002.

Groundbreaking for the Art and Communication Center is scheduled tentatively for spring 2005, and the college anticipates that the building will be finished by 2006.

Our Lady of the Ridge parish sponsors Kelly -Miller Circus

The Kelly-Miller Circus, founded during the Depression, is marking another milestone this year as it celebrates its 66th anniversary.

Founded in 1838 by Obert Miller and his sons Kelly and Dore, this traditional tented circus has seen the passing of over half of this century and still offers the same great entertainment it presented in its humble beginnings.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Our Lady of Ridge parish, the all new 2004 addition of the Kelly-Miller Circus will be in town on Sunday, September 5th and Monday, September 6th. Performances will be at

2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday and at 2:00 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday at Freedom Park (2 blocks east of Ridgeland Ave. at 104th St.). This year's show features elephants, horses, and a cast of international circus stars under a beautiful circus big-top. The tent raising itself is a great free show that will take place at about 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 5th. The public is invited.

Fr. Charles Watkins, associate pastor at Our Lady of Ridge Parish, is the Archdiocesan chaplain for traveling shows. Fr. Watkins, along with Father Michael Novick of St. George Parish, helps in pro-

viding spiritual care for traveling showpeople in the Chicago area. Reduced-price tickets can be purchased at Our Lady of Ridge, located at 10810 South Ridgeland Ave. in Chicago Ridge. For more information, call 708-425-3800.



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Governor Blagojevich enacts sex offender legislation

Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich recently signed a bill sponsored by State Senator Jacqueline Collins which helps to better-protect Illinois children from known sex offenders.

The new law creates the offense of child photography by a sex offender, making it illegal for a convicted child sex

offender to own or operate a business that photographs, videotapes, or takes a digital image of a child or directs others to do so. Persons convicted of the offense would face charges of a Class 2 felony, which is punishable by 3 to 7 years in prison, along with a \$25,000 fine.

"Currently, child sex

offenders are restricted from being in places where children are present like schools and public parks and from approaching children," said Collins. "It is vital that we do everything we can to protect Illinois' children from sex offenders, and this law will add another restriction to protect our children."

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Evergreen Park calls for caution as school reopens

by Matt Mayer

The board briskly moved through the agenda at the Aug 16, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. Mayor Jim Sexton reported with the reopening of school, police officers will be in and around the schools enforcing speed limits and stop signs, so we don't lose any young ones. "Let it be warned as we have warned here in the past, our police officers will pat-

trolling through out the Village" Sexton said.

The board approved the following business regulation certificates: Gleason and MacMaster, a law office at 9730 S. Western Ave, Suite 312; Key Contracting Group, a billing services office at 9500 S. Avers Ave, Suite 9; River Park Realty 3100 W. 95th St.; and Chucks Barber Salon at 3917 W. 95th St.

The board approved a

resolution of the Village of Evergreen Park for the dedication of the right of way for Kedzie Ave to the Illinois Department of Transportation [IDOT]. This regards the subdivision of the property on the west side of Kedzie Ave, between 87th and 91st St. The use of this property is for the widening of Kedzie Ave for a turn lane. This is predicated on the park and rehab development at 87th and Kedzie Ave, Sexton said.

Village Engineer Tim Klass reported that the streetscape project is slated to be completed in approximately two weeks. The next village board meeting will be Tuesday Sept 7, due to Monday being Labor Day.

Silver Thread among the Gold

by Judi Giglio

*Her Hair was Silver with Threads of Gold
Her Face was wrinkled but not yet old.
Her Eyes were Brown, a soft Light Tone.
Her Voice was gentle, It never Rose nor a Harsh word
did I ever hear as she spoke to me so very Dear.*

*She wore a Dress each Day she Lived.
Her Shoes were Black and tied up to the end.
Her Heart was generous and warm & she had a peace &
Serenity I've never seen Before.*

*She Rocked Me In Her Rocking Chair and Sang the
Lull-a-Bye Tur-A-Lur-A-Lura to My Many Tears.*

*We skipped & hopped to school each day
When I was with Her I never wanted her to go away.
She was an Elegant Lady of Gracious Bliss
With charm & poise & gentleness.
For She was My Grand Mother who I'll always Miss.
Heaven Now Holds Her Kindliness.*

Computer instruction

John Hojek from Prairie State College gives hands-on instruction in Microsoft applications at the Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 South Troy, on Fridays in September and October from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Introduction to Windows, September 17; Word Processing, Level I, September 24; Word Processing Level II, October 1; Excel Level I, October 8; Excel Level II, October 15. There is a \$15 fee per two-hour class, payable at registration. For more information call (708) 422-8522

NAMI Southwest announces Annual Fall Benefit

NAMI Southwest will be holding its Annual Fall Benefit celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its REACH family support group on Friday, September 10, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Elks Lodge, 10720 South Central. There will be a buffet dinner, a Friday Night Fever Disco Dance Competition and a silent auction. The drawing for the Grand Prize Raffle will be held at the event. Prizes include: Barbeque Extravaganza valued at \$1000 donated by Lydia Healthcare; Two round trip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental USA donated by Southwest Airlines; TGIF Plus Getaway Weekend Package donated by the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel & Conference Center; Family Fun Package donated by the Radisson Hotel Alsip; and Handmade afghan donated by Cora Shanahan.

Special awards will be given at the benefit to the Metropolitan Family Services Southwest as Agency of the Year, Sharon Bujnowski as Volunteer of the Year and a Special Memorial award to the family of Lois Majchrzak. These volunteers have made a significant contribution to the lives of people with mental illnesses and their families.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. All proceeds from the benefit will help us to continue our monthly educational programs about mental illnesses and to provide our REACH weekly support services for families dealing with mental illnesses. For information and reservations, contact us at (708) 425-0925.



Chicago Gymnastics Center officially opened its doors at the Evergreen Racquet & Fitness Club in Evergreen Park on June 28, 2004. This dream became a reality out of necessity. We were a small group of displaced team gymnasts who overcame adversity to reach the top. This group of 17 dedicated gymnasts practiced wherever and whenever they could just to compete. The gym was opened with the sole purpose of providing a home for these 17 girls. Chicago Gymnastics has grown from a small group of 17 to over 175 students in just two months. We offer various programs to meet the needs of potential gymnasts to team level competition.

Screening of "Festival Express," followed by Performance by Leadfoot

Friday, September 24 at 8 p.m., Film Rated R for Language Price: \$10

Never-before-seen footage of 1970's famous locomotive jam session, the unparalleled trans-Canadian train car musical tour known as "Festival Express," is showing on the big screen at the Beverly Arts Center! The Express's featured cargo is a dazzling array of some of the world's top rock acts in their musical heyday! Witness shockingly intimate coverage of The Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, The Band, Buddy Guy, Flying Burrito Brothers and various other musical greats (including intimate railroad car jam sessions as well as recorded concerts), and experience what Jerry Garcia called "the best time I ever had in rock 'n roll." Canadian film direc-

tor Bob Smeaton ("Beatles Anthology", "The UB40 Story of Reggae," "Elton John-Goodbye Yellow Brick Road") unearths spectacular footage of some of rock's arguably greatest sounds and sights, capturing partying, substance-fueled artists and outraged, rioting fans to capture the spirit of an age in this 90-minute documentary. If Woodstock was for the fans, Festival Express was for the artists, and you're privy to their intimate jam sessions, raucous revelry, and what has been called Janis Joplin's greatest performance before her death just two months later. Stick around afterwards for a special performance given by acclaimed bluegrass-rock-fusion local band Leadfoot! The Beverly natives will pay tribute to Festival Express, covering

The Grateful Dead and many other artists featured in the film. Beer and other refreshments will be available. Don't miss this chance to see what the Chicago Tribune's Michael Wilmington called, "a treasure trove of music and a wildly entertaining chronicle of a vanished time," and then re-experience it all live with Leadfoot! Please call the Beverly Arts Center at 773/445-3838 or visit the BAC website at www.beverlyartcenter.org/ for more information.



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formed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the

nity College of the Air Force. Meehan the son of Pat Meehan of Keeler Ave., Midlothian, IL and Julie Meehan of S. 78th Ave., Tinley Park, IL. He is a 2002 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park, IL.

Air Force Cadet Ashleigh K. Thomas has been selected to serve as Cadet Wing Flight Commander at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. The flight commander is responsible to the squadron commander on all operations of the flight. Additionally, the person is responsible for the health, morale and welfare of his/her flight, and is ultimately accountable for professional development of all flight members and the discipline, training and unity of the flight. The flight commander is also the immediate supervisor to all element leaders.

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military leadership qualities and maintaining a 3.0 or better military performance average for a semester.

The cadet is pursuing a degree in behavioral science at the academy. She is the daughter of Warren and Deborah Thomas of Pebble Drive, Palos Park, IL. Thomas is a 2001 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park, IL.



*Have a
happy and safe
Labor Day!*

Chicago plans \$3.7 million emergency center

Mayor Daley and other city officials announced last week plans for a \$3.7 million emergency operations center that would coordinate all the municipal agencies and response to major emergency events in the city. The center will be housed at 931 Center on West Madison, will operate 24 hours a day.

Officials said the center will keep track of ongoing, planned events that cause disruption-such as marathons, festivals- and help city agencies respond properly when there is an emergency such as water main break or large scale fire. The new center will be paid for with a federal grant and is scheduled to open in the summer.

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St. Anne's and St. Martin's to Hold Reunion

If you attended either school, or other schools in either parish, we are looking for you! A committee is gathering the names of people who lived in the area of LaSalle to Halsted and from 47th Street to 63rd Street between the years of 1920 and 1956.

For information, please call Marv and Jo (Buglio) Mathius at 708-460-9050 or E-Mail to gjschicksr@aol.com

Alzheimer's Support Group - A free support group for families dealing with Alzheimer's and other diseases related to aging will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Evergreen Healthcare Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. No registration required.

Christ Medical Center offers childbirth preparation and parenting classes

Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, announces its August calendar of prenatal and parenting classes to help new parents.

Cesarean Birth - A one-session class for pregnant women who are planning to deliver by cesarean section will be held during the fourth week of prepared childbirth classes. Participants may join a class on Wednesday, Breastfeeding Basics - This two-hour class teaches breastfeeding preparation and techniques, as well as how to deal with problems related to breastfeeding. Classes will be held Wednesday, September 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Christ Wellness and Education Center (Riviera Country Club), 8801 W. 143rd Street, Orland Park and on Wednesday, September 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room at the medical center. The cost is \$20. Classes are held regularly on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

Tender Baby Care - A one-session class for expectant couples covers Breastfeeding Basics - This two-hour class teaches breastfeeding preparation and techniques, as well as how to deal with problems related to breastfeeding. Classes will be held Wednesday, September 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Christ Wellness and Education Center (Riviera Country Club), 8801 W. 143rd Street, Orland Park and on Wednesday, September 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room at the medical center. The cost is \$20. Classes are held regularly on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

September 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at EMS Academy, 4201 W. 93rd St., (west entrance) Oak Lawn or Thursday, September 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faith Christian Reformed Church, 8383 W. 171st Ave., Tinley Park. The cost is \$20.

Caring Kid - Children ages

3 through 12 who are expecting a new sibling will learn what happens when mom goes to the hospital and how they can help when the new baby comes home. Includes a short tour of the area where mom will stay after delivery and viewing the babies at the nursery windows.

The next Caring Kids Class is Thursday, September 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. The cost is \$5 per child, payable at the door. Classes are offered regularly on the second Thursday Caring Kids Class - Children ages 3 through 12 who are expecting a new sibling will learn what happens when mom goes to the hospital and how they can help when the new baby comes home.

Travel and Asthma: What You Need to Know

A vacation is a time to be free of worries. But if you have asthma, you may worry about how to avoid an asthma attack during your trip. Sometimes, asthma may get worse when you're traveling on public transportation, staying in a hotel or summer cottage, or visiting the home of a family member or friend.

Changes in your environment during a trip can increase your exposure to asthma triggers," says Cheryl Wallin, RN, pulmonary case management at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet. "Vacation triggers can include changing weather conditions or allergens and irritants, such as pollen, mold, animal dander, and air pollution."

With extra planning, you

Marvelous Multiples - This two-day weekend prenatal class is designed for parents expecting twins, triplets or more. Classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at EMS Academy, 4201 W. 93rd St., (west entrance), Oak Lawn. The cost is \$85 per couple.

Weekend Childbirth Education - This two-session weekend class discusses preparation for labor and delivery (both vaginal and Cesarean), newborn care.

can avoid an asthma attack while vacationing. Here are some helpful precautions you can take to make your getaway a healthy one.

- * Make an appointment with your doctor several weeks before your vacation. If you don't have one, call the free Silver Cross Physician Referral Service at (800) 734-MYDR (6937), or obtain a medical identification bracelet or necklace with emergency information. Ask your doctor about adjusting your medication if you'll be traveling across different time zones. You also may want to ask your doctor if you could benefit from a portable nebulizer. This is a device that administers medicine into the nose. And arrange for supplemental oxygen, if needed. Some people with severe asthma who are flying may need to use extra oxygen over 35,000 feet.

- * If you have not had an educational training on how to control your asthma, attend Silver Cross Hospital's free Asthma Workshop, Thursday, Sept. 2, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Led by a respiratory therapist, pharmacist and a nurse, both adults and children will receive a general overview of asthma and the breathing process, treatment, medications, as well as the correct use of an inhaler and peak flow Travel and

Asthma meter. The workshop, which is sponsored by the Joliet Women's Club, also includes dinner and a raffle. To register, visit www.silvercross.org <<http://www.silvercross.org>> or call (815) 740-7108.

- * Pack enough medicine for your trip. Also bring extra prescriptions in case you extend your vacation and need more medication. Be sure to pack your peak flow meter, asthma control plan, and any extra medication you may need - such as injectable epinephrine, decongestants, and antihistamines. If you're flying, keep your medications in their original containers and pack them in your carry-on luggage.

- * If you travel by car, close windows and use air conditioning to filter out airborne allergens.

- * Once you arrive at your destination, find out the local emergency number, which may be different from 911.

- * When you stay at a hotel, request a nonsmoking, allergy-proof room. Make sure it is pet-free, too.

- * Check local weather reports for pollen and mold counts and ozone health warnings. Stay inside and use air conditioning when outdoor allergens and air pollution levels are high.

- * During outdoor vacation activities, avoid irritants as wood-burning fires and insect sprays.

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lax! With proper precautions, your asthma should not interfere with your vacation plans. To learn more about the Pulmonary Services available at Silver Cross Hospital, call (815) 740-1234, ext. 7397.

Center for Performing Arts

"Cats" opens the Center's 10th anniversary season October 1, 2004. The show will run through October 2 at a 2 and 8pm performance. "Cats" became the longest running musical on Broadway on June 19, 1997 with an 18 year run "Cats" won seven Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Book, of a Musical, Best Lighting and Best Costumes.

"Cats" is at the Center for performing Arts at Governors State University to introduce it to a new generation and audience. Tickets are \$52-\$61 for evenings and matinee's \$47-\$56. Call the box office at 708-235-2222. A two for one is available two hours before the performance at the box office.

The 1,200 seat state of the art Center serves Chicago's greater metropolitan area and the southern suburbs and provides a superior stage for world class fine arts and theatrical presentations. The Center is located at the Governors Highway and University parkway 45 minutes south of the loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

Victory Gardens Theater

"Pyretown" a politically charged new play by John Belluso exposes the struggles and frustrations with managed health care in America today, through the story of three characters whose daily challenges and personal dramas are not far from many people's reality.

"Pyretown" will receive its midwest premier in Chicago at Victory Gardens. Previews begin October 7 and the presentation runs through November 14. For tickets call 773-871-3000. Victory Gardens is a recipient of the 2001 Regional Theater Tony Award.

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Tips to keep your investments safe

Dan Friedlander of Friedlander Communications, Ltd. Offers information for investors.

He says recent market declines and continuing economic uncertainty may have shaken your faith in the stock market. He advises instead of letting your fears get the best of you in difficult times, keep focused-get back to basics, and return to core principles that should guide every investment decision.

1. Have a plan-write down your long-term goals in de-

tail to remind you of your goals and help you achieve them.

2. Invest for long-term-Don't let your fears about short term volatility hurt your chances of achieving your goals. If you believe your plan is sound, stick with it.

3. Diversify your portfolio-ensure you have exposure to a variety of investment classes which can help smooth out periods of volatility.

4. Invest in equities-over time, rising prices can ear-

away your buying power making it hard to make ends meet.

5. Historically one investment class has offered growth potential and opportunity for increasing income that can help you stay ahead-stocks.

6. Invest with discipline-Invest the same amount in the same mutual funds, on the same regular schedule over a long period of time. This is called "dollar cost averaging."

He suggests getting professional advice. Alan S. Friedlander is a registered securities representative. He is available for a free initial consultation at 847-855-4888, or alfriedlander@yahoo.com.

Traffic Safety Hints from Jesse White

Aggressive driving tactics and road rage are serious problems that often result in unnecessary traffic accidents and vehicles-related fatalities. Help make Illinois roadways safer by learning the causes of road rage and what to do if you encounter an angry motorist.

Q. How can I prevent aggressive driving and road rage?

A. Before getting behind the wheel, set aside your stress, anger and worries, and make safe driving your priority.

- Plan ahead and allow enough time so that you don't feel rushed.
- Do not speed, tailgate or block

the passing lane.

- Keep your radio at a reasonable volume and avoid using your horn excessively.
- Always use your signal when changing lanes. Do not cut off other drivers.
- Be considerate when using your headlights. Use the high beams only when conditions require them, and be sure to dim them for oncoming traffic.
- Remember that drivers do make mistakes. Do not take driving violations personally, and never retaliate.

Q. What should I do

if I am confronted by

an aggressive driver or a potential road rage incident?

A. Steer clear of the offender.

- Do not make eye contact or even look in the direction of the aggressor.
- Do not make obscene gestures or swear at other drivers.
- Stay calm, keep your focus on the road and do not react if you are provoked.
- You cannot control traffic or the behavior of other drivers; you can only control your own responses.

Driving is a

privilege and a responsibility. Do not let stress and frustration get the best of you while driving. If you are a victim of violent road rage, drive to a safe place and notify the police immediately.

Scoliosis: Straight Talk About Curved Spines

Although all spines have a natural curve to them, some people develop another, sideways curve, called scoliosis. Most people with scoliosis learn that they have it as a child or teenager.

In fact, many schools and pediatricians now screen for scoliosis.

What Does It Look Like? Because mild scoliosis seldom causes pain in children and teenagers, it often goes unnoticed. Doctors look for these signs:

- * Uneven shoulders
- * Leaning to one side when standing
- * One shoulder blade that is higher or stands out more than the other
- * One hip that is higher than the other
- * One side of the back that appears higher than the other when your child bends forward from the waist

Researchers aren't sure why mild scoliosis occurs. "It is important to know that scoliosis is not caused by carrying heavy bags, consuming too little calcium or not standing up straight," states Dr. Mark Moran, pediatric

orthopedic surgeon with Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet. "Occasionally, a person may have a curved spine because of another health problem, such as uneven leg lengths, a birth defect, polio, or a disease that affects the back muscles or other tissues," said Dr. Moran. "Sometimes, people who injure their spine may have temporary scoliosis. What researchers do know is that it can run in families, and that girls are more likely than boys to get it."

Studies have shown that most mild curves will not get worse as a child grows older. Only people who have severe curves by the time they are fully grown are likely to have curves that become worse as the years go by.

Care for Scoliosis Most young people with mild scoliosis only need to be checked by a doctor once or twice a year. "Mild scoliosis may cause some children to feel embarrassed about having the defect, therefore parents should encourage them to exercise or get involved with a sport," adds Dr. Moran. Researchers believe that physical fitness can help improve children's self-esteem.

When doctors are worried that a child or teenager's scoliosis is severe, they may suggest more care. Some children or teens may wear plastic braces to stop curves from getting worse. In rarer cases, children and adults may need surgery to reduce a severe curve.

FreeScreening: Dr. Mark Moran, pediatric orthopedic surgeon, will screen for scoliosis Monday, Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. to Noon in his office in the Specialty Care Pavilion on Silver Cross Hospital's campus, 1300 Copperfield Ave., Suite 4040, Joliet. To register or more information, call (815) 727-3030.

Breaking The Cycle Of Debt

(NAPSA)-With personal bankruptcies on the rise, knowing how to keep debt from spelling disaster in your life has become more important than ever. Most creditors, after all, aren't interested in how you got into a particular financial fix-be it family illness or job loss. They just want to be repaid. And if you don't have the cash, suddenly your car or even your home may look extremely tantalizing to them.

According to the latest figures from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, 1,654,847 bankruptcy claims were filed between March 2003 and March 2004, representing an increase of nearly three percent. To avoid getting into the same situation, you need to create and stick to a solid financial plan. A good plan can help break the cycle of collection letters, phone calls and high interest payments, no matter how serious your debt has become. The key, say experts, is to start today.

Organizations such as the American Foundation for Financial Freedom can help. The not-for-profit group specializes in helping consumers manage their debt and restore their credit. The group offers these tips to help keep you from adding to the statistics:

Develop A Budget-Come up with a realistic assessment of how much money you earn or receive versus how much you spend. Then decide which expenses are necessary and which can be prioritized.

Contact Your Creditors-Let them know you're having trouble making payments and try to work out a plan that makes payments more manageable. Know Your Rights-The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act dictates that a debt collector may not call you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m., or at work if your employer doesn't approve of the calls.

Contact the American Foundation for Financial Freedom at 1-800-883-9217.

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Museum of Science and Industry happenings

Action! An Adventure in Moviemaking exhibit is running through January 9, 2005. Why go to Hollywood to be in a movie when you can make your own action-flick at the exhibit. The 12,000 square foot brings the best of Hollywood directly to guests with more than 140 artifacts and a chance to demonstrate talent in front or behind the camera. Guest gave it four stars.

The Changing Face of Women's Health opens September 1, 2004 and runs through November 30, 2004. This is a national touring ex-

hibit making its local debut.

New knowledge about women's bodies and minds is changing and our understanding of what affects health, a blending of biology, culture and the choices we make. Risk, prevention, correction and control-four major factors that intersect repeatedly over a person's lifetime are explored in the exhibit.

The U-505 Submarine preview exhibit is available. During the construction of the new U-505 experience guests are invited to preview in the Museum's Ground Floor. It previews the dramatic new 35,000 square

foot exhibit, never before seen artifacts, the move from 1954 and interviews with veterans who helped capture this historic submarine. The new submarine exhibit opens in the spring 2005.

The Henry Crown Space center Omnimax is now showing Forces of Nature through February 2005. The film is an awesome spectacle of earthquakes, volcanoes and severe storms inspired by survivors.



Lewis University Theatre Season announces Pippin

The 29th Theatre Season at Lewis University is announced.

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre announces the instillation of a new assisted learning system (ALS) to help the hearing impaired patrons. Donations from Lewis's professors emeritus made the technological advancement possible.

The 29th season consists of five mainstage shows including "Pippin", "Fuddy Meers", "The Tempest", "Equus" and "Hay Fever." For subscription information call 815-836-5500. The Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

Local Boy's dream comes true

Raul Espinoza a ten-year old boy from Blue Island battles end stage renal disease. He had to endure many traumas. Thanks to Make A Wish Foundation of Illinois and Discover Financial Services, Raul and his family had a day one cannot forget.

The morning of his Wish, Raul and his family were whisked off in a stretch limo to Sportmart sporting goods store downtown. A new bike and motor scooter were at the top of his shopping list along with a new bike for his brother. After the spree the whole family had lunch at Rainforest Cafe. Raul's Wish was adopted by Discover Financial Services, a regular supporter of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois.

Palos Village Players hold auditions

The Palos Village Players will hold auditions for their Fall musical "My Favorite Year" by Aherns and Flaherty, the team responsible for "Ragtime", "Lucky Stiff" and "Suessical", at 7:30pm on September 7 and 9 at All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park.

The play, which was also a movie starring Peter O'Toole, takes us back to the time of a 1954 TV variety show. The show's star is a notorious drunk and a junior scriptwriter is given the responsible task of keeping him on the straight and narrow.

Lori Nussle (Palos Park) is the director. George Machay (Hinsdale) is musical director. Auditions will consist of readings from the script. Singers and dancers should be prepared to demonstrate their abilities. Performance dates for the show are November 12 through 20. Call 708-488-5830 for added information.

Chicago Jazz Festival is a Labor Day tradition

The 2004 Chicago Jazz Festival, which opens with a concert at the Symphony Center on Thursday, September 2, highlights the music of Count Basie, Coleman Hawkins and Fats Waller, September 3-5 respectively. Tickets to the Symphony Center concert range from \$12-\$49 and are available at the box office, (312-294-3000).

The holiday weekend starts early with great jazz music in Grand Park beginning at noon at the Jackson stage. The performer in residence Toshiko Akiyoshi will star with a trio. The music fuses together Japanese culture and American Jazz. The Jazz and family Stage features local performers and the Petrillo Music Shell features Jamming with many performers.

In addition to music, the Chicago Jazz Festival features an art fair located in the rose garden just south of Jackson. Jackson Blvd. is also the locale where Jazz fans can enjoy refreshments from local vendors or relax in the wine garden. Performance hours are as follows: Ford Jazz on Jackson Stage 12pm to 4:30pm; Jazz & Heritage family Stage 12:30pm - 4:30pm and the Petrillo Music Shell 5:00pm to 9:30pm. Sunday's performance begins at 4:45pm.

The Mayor's Office of Special Events encourages taking public transportation to all lakefront events. Call 312-836-7000/TTY (312-836-4949 for information on RTA, CTA, PACE and Metra. Parking is available at the Lakefront Millennium parking facility, the East Monroe Street garage, Gra Grant Park south and north garages.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for August 31st through September 6th.

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from "Num1") go to TheDailyPsychic.Com Visit JackiMari.Com

A Week For Romance

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Being more romantic is not difficult, it begins with talking and goes on from there. Be spontaneous, don't plan everything. R aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You can soften the atmosphere with pink roses and some wine and cheese sticks...soft light and music helps too. H helps.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: A pale blue light can "sexify" (my word) the entire romantic evening. This is a "ready or not here I am" week. R, L and Paid.

Numi says: Your sense of reasoning may seem more complex to a lot of people at this time.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Take long walks hand in hand and be ready to hear sweet words and feel those caresses that have been long gone. T aids. You are existing in the University of Life.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You could feel ready for anything romantic this week. H is involved. You might try taking a short trip. M or T aid.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Romance seems to be a foreign word to you. But, this is a week of attraction to a romantic person. Could be a W.

Numi says: There are many struggles people face, but you'll find ways to overcome them.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Candlelight dinners or a picnic on the bedroom floor after 1 AM may not be too far-fetched. Try Lavender scents too. F aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: There is no such thing as "age" consideration if two people love each other. Feel romantic? Be romantic! M aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: If you can't be as romantic as you want to be, try "imaging romantic thoughts" and let your feelings take over. F and M involved.

Numi says: Don't let negative forces make you feel guilty, they are trying to confuse you.

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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights:

Some Truths & Un-Truths About The Signs

Aries & Scorpio (treat as one & the same) both ruled by Mars (Piuto is not established as ruler of Scorpio), are thought to be "hill-chargers" and extremely "seductive?" Truth? No! Gemini & Virgo (treat as one & the same) both ruled by Mercury are like "super detectives" and want to know everything their mates do? True! Taurus & Libra (treat as one & the same) ruled by Venus are said to be "super critical" and sometimes very "angry" people? Yep! Cancer people ruled by the Moon are thought to be "smart, sensitive, but not sexy?" Nope! Leo people ruled by the Sun are thought to be "pushy, untruthful but super sexy?" Yes and no. Sagittarius ruled by Jupiter are said to be "lucky." Nope! Capricorn people ruled by Saturn are known to be "savers, doers, and often entertainers?" Absolutely true! Aquarius ruled by Uranus takes a bow for being great "humanitarians?" This is True. Pisces ruled by Neptune seem to pride themselves on being "tactful and often are good detectives?" True.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

A dedicated art exhibitor for 34 years

Patricia Moore is no newcomer to art, having begun painting at the age of 4. She has been a freelance artist since the mid 60's. Patricia works in acrylic, oil, and mixed media both in realistic and abstract techniques. Her interesting use of charcoal, gold leaf and chalk, mixed with acrylics is fascinating for all who see her work.

For many years Patricia was director of the Tall Grass Arts Association School in Park Forest, and of its predecessor the Park Forest Arts Center Gallery. She continues to teach there today. Her resume also includes Gallery Director of the Play House Gallery in Galena, IL, as well as teaching positions in several area art programs.

In addition to being a student and teacher of fine arts Patricia has permanent exhibits in and around Chicago as well as in Indiana, Florida, Texas, California and Germany. Currently her favorite project is a fantasy series, called the Taylor Series. A devoted Grandmother Patricia teaches the arts to her granddaughter Taylor. Passing on her legacy to another generation.

Be sure to stop by her exhibit Saturday, September 18 or Sunday, September 19 at the 49th Annual Park Forest Art Fair in downtown Park Forest, Illinois. Presented by The Tall Grass Arts Association. Admission is free and has something for the whole family. For more information call the TGAA Art Gallery at 708-748-3377.

The Worth Township Clinic has hours Mon., Thurs., and Fri. from 9am to 3:30pm; Tues. 9am to 7:30pm and Wed. from 9am to 6:30pm. The clinic number is 708-371-3393. Appointments are needed for school physicals, sport physicals, dental screening, cleaning and sealant, fasting blood sugar and cholesterol, and preventative podiatry services. A parent must accompany a child under 18. In order to prove residency, a current utility bill must be brought in.

If coming for an immunization, please bring a record of all previous immunizations or a letter from the school specifying what immunization is needed. Fees vary for the service and no insurance claims are used.

Worth Township Youth Commission's Apple Tree Pro

The Worth Township Youth Commission has a plea out for needed school supplies for children going back to school. There are many families facing financial difficulties at this time and the people of Worth Township can help with donations of school supplies such the following needed materials: spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons (box of 8 or 24), colored markers, notebook paper, school boxes, glue, rulers, scissors and 3-ring binders.

They will be happy to pick items up. If there are any questions call Sue Sortino Director at 371-2900 ex 45. Other items on the Apple Tree wish list are box of wipes and paper towels, sandwich and gallon size zip-lock bags, protractors and compasses.

Items may be dropped off at the Village View Office at 5757 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn.



Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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THE POWER OF KIND WORDS



A recent topic on the Oprah show had a simple concept that left me wondering why, since it is so obviously positive; more people aren't practicing the art of passing along kind words.

On this particular show, Oprah was completely taken off guard when a woman from her childhood made a surprise appearance. Clearly it was an emotional moment for the queen of television who explained, through tears, how this woman's kind words, of long ago, greatly impacted her life.

As Oprah tells it, she was about 8 years old when this woman, whom she had never met, looked at her and said: "You are as cute as a speckled pup." Though Oprah really wasn't quite know what she meant, she knew it was a compliment and that single remark helped to empower an otherwise timorous child to begin to believe in herself. The phenomenally successful Oprah Winfrey stood on the stage of her enormously popular talk show with this lady, tears streaming down her face as the emotional impact of four decades ago still holds meaning that causes a stirring in her soul. Kind words have the power to inspire lives, yet I wonder how often people realize that they hold the key to impacting the lives of others by creating kindness. I was a gangly adolescent, awkward, terribly self-conscious and painfully shy. By age fourteen nothing much had changed. Back then a friend of mine had an older sister who, by all our accounts, was hip and cool. She had a hearty laugh and an outgoing personality that blended easily in the popular social circles. She was well liked among her peers.

As long as its been I can still remember the light blue eye shadow she always wore, a color that brought out the beauty of her pale blue eyes. She was fun-loving and not at all afraid to be herself. One day I heard her say something to my friend that had a positive effect in my gawky young life.

I'll never know if she said it intentionally, for me to hear, but she asked who I was and then made the comment that she thought I was pretty. That was about the kindest thing I've ever heard anyone say about me.

At the time my puffy round cheeks and oversized lips, that were not in vogue at that time, gave me reason to be withdrawn and self conscious. And, it's not that this compliment automatically changed my life or caused me to win any popularity contests because it didn't.

But what it did was help the fragile ego of a young, insecure teen-ager to look in the mirror without an ugly duckling frame of mind. My friend's sister also pierced my ears that year. With a tiny pearl decorating each ear lobe, I slowly emerged from my self-imposed shell of self doubt. Kind words can replace feelings of low self-esteem with self assurance.

Uplifting comments can give someone that extra nudge to see past their shortcomings to reach for the endless limit of starry skies. The people speaking the kind words probably won't even remember them in years to come. But the recipient will remember it always. Overdosing on being nice should be a mindful indulgence for the kind at heart. Like love, kindness grows, the more you give the more you have to share.

Just think of the positive power, you possess when you arm yourself with kind words. Imagine the benefits of helping someone's self-esteem blossom like the petals of a flower, gently unfolding in its own potential beauty. I don't remember the lady's name whose kind words helped to change the way Oprah saw herself at such a young age. But I do remember that long ago teen-ager whose unexpected compliment helped me to see myself as more than homely and inept. Her name is Rita and her kind words have never been forgotten.

Hal Holbrook to perform
Mark Twain Tonight! at
Moraine Valley

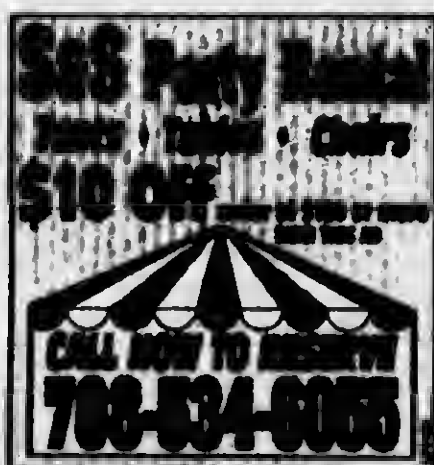
Some say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and if that holds true, Hal Holbrook's award-winning depiction of Mark Twain may be the highest compliment anyone can pay to the celebrated author, humorist and thinker. Bear witness to this tribute as Moraine Valley Community College hosts a performance of Hal Holbrook's *Mark Twain Tonight!* Saturday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater location.

When Hal Holbrook's *Mark Twain Tonight!* opened off-Broadway at New York City's 41st Theatre in 1959, it took the theater world by storm and became an immediate hit. What started as a college honors project for aspiring actor Hal Holbrook soon became the model for one-man theatrical performances, and *Mark Twain Tonight!* has since become one of the longest running shows in theater history.

Tony Award winner Holbrook, now in his sixth decade of portraying Twain, has over 15 hours of material and selects bits from his routine to assemble an eclectic and unique performance every time he steps foot on stage. His performance can include bits about whiskey, dogs, smoke rings, doctors, insurance, and advice, among others.

"Hal Holbrook is Mark Twain reincarnated," said Jane McCone, former director of Elmira College's Center for Mark Twain Studies in New York. "His research is impeccable. He works hard to get his delivery correct. He tries to educate through his performances. This man has made it his career to deliver Mark Twain to a new public, and he has succeeded."

Tickets for *Mark Twain Tonight!* at Moraine Valley are \$40 for adults and \$38 for students and seniors. For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5742. Visit Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts



Seniors get a treat from restaurant owner

Jonathan Mantas, owner of the Kingsberry Waffle House of Oak Forest, hosted a free luncheon for senior citizens to show his appreciation to the Community's seniors for patronizing his business. The Kingsberry staff was again to be commended, especially Luch Weaver whom Mantas arranged the seating and admission of approximately 100 senior citizens on Thursday, August 26, 2004.



Kingsberry Waffle Houses are located in Oak Forest, Palos Heights, Olympia Fields and another under construction Mokena. Bread, coffee, salad and sirloin tips served over noodles with gravy was enjoyed by those

in attendance and served by a fabulous wait staff. The only cost was the gratuity of \$1.00.

Arrangements were by the Oak Forest Senior Citizens Commission.

Center on the Web at
www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.

Retiring Orland Park Police Officer Gilbert is honored

Orland Park Police Officer George Gilbert will be honored at a retirement celebration marking more than 32 years of service to the Orland Park community. On Sunday, September 12th, Gilbert's village colleagues will honor him at a retirement celebration at the Orland Park Civic Center.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include food, beer, wine, pop, entertainment and a gift for Gilbert. Additional information is available by calling the Orland Park Police Department's non-emergency number, 708-349-4111.

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Moraine Valley president takes leadership role in community colleges launching national homeland security effort

Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine Valley, is among a 21-member task force that is determining a long-range strategy for the nation's 1,173 two-year colleges on meeting the needs for trained citizens in homeland security.

The American Association of Community Colleges Task Force on Homeland Security comprises 18 community college presidents and three senior specialists at institutions with advanced programs and demonstrated expertise in defense and security. Members were also chosen based on well-established relationships they have built with four-year colleges and universities, as well as with state and local security providers. Moraine Valley, for example, is home to the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education

(ATE) Regional Center for Systems Security and Information Assurance.

"I am pleased to take part in this effort to help develop an educated workforce in this critical area—to support the safety and security of our nation. Community colleges are taking a leading role in this initiative," Dr. Crawley.

The AACC Task Force met for the first time earlier this year in Washington, D.C., to begin coordination of existing homeland security efforts already well underway at community colleges. One effort took place this summer when Erich Spengler, assistant professor of Information Management Systems and principal investigator of security center, testified before the House Science Committee on the role community colleges play in educating the nation's cybersecurity workforce and the importance of federal support for carrying out that mission.

The Task Force also will draw on the expertise of a newly created Homeland Security and Public Safety Network, made up of community college faculty/staff specialists nationwide.

Community colleges represent the largest, fastest growing sector of higher education, currently educating the majority of the nation's "first-responders." Over half of new nurses and close to 85 percent of law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMTs are credentialed by the colleges. In addition, the colleges are rapidly establishing or expanding programs to prepare professionals in related fields such as environmental safety, cyber security, power grid management and emergency response management.

"Because of their numbers and their close collaboration at local and state levels, community colleges represent a tested resource to help the nation ramp up its security effort in the most cost-effective way," said AACC President George R. Boggs. "This new, strategic collaboration will significantly accelerate our national preparedness."

For information, call Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275 or email horstmeyer@morainevalley.edu.

De La Salle Institute Welcomes 13 New Faculty Members

De La Salle Institute proudly announces the addition of 13 new faculty members to its staff for the upcoming 2004-05 school year.

Joining De La Salle are Stefanie Adess (Counselor), Dale Burke (Algebra/Geometry), Lauren Colletti (Biology/Full-Time Substitute), George Dzuricko (Math), Jean Edstrom (Dean of Students-West Campus), Robert Fiorentino (Admissions), Bob Klebes (Social Studies/Religion), David Kowalski (Math/Geometry), Robert McMiller (Full-time Substitute), Cynthia Nuel (Band, Chorus, Drama), John Romberger (chemistry), Brian Sieve (Director of Pastoral Ministry) and Zahurul Syed (Physics/Physical Science).

De La Salle Institute congratulates each of these instructors and wishes them every success.

from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Students may chat online, in English or Spanish, with an expert tutor for up to 20 minutes of live interaction. Assistance is provided in math, science, social studies and English. When accessing this service via the Internet, an Oak Lawn Public Library Card is required. For information, call (708) 422-4990.



worship. After the children's time with Pastor Kern, they will recess to their classrooms, for morning activities of scripture, worship and study. Luke's stories will allow the children to become Jesus's disciples.

Music director Amy Kazin will be teaching special music to the students. Adult Bible Study will continue to meet at 9am exploring Revelations.

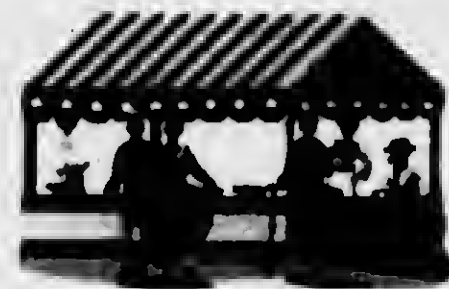
After class on the 12th everyone will go to the Annual Church Picnic at Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th and Laramie in Oak Lawn. Bring a food dish with your own utensils. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be furnished.

Call the church at 708-422-8451 between 9a.m.-1 p.m. for information.

First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park Rally Day

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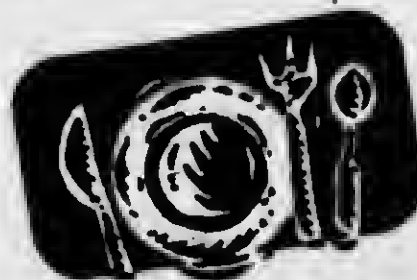
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Anita's kitchen favorites

By Anita Anderson

Quick meal adds Asian sizzle

With summer drawing to a close add some sizzle to your next and perhaps final cookout with Asian chopped steaks. They are enhanced by a wasabi accent. Asian influences are imbued throughout from the soy sauce mixed into the ground beef to the Wasabi-mayo dressing on the slaw. Green tea could be the perfect topping to your cookout.

Recipe:

Asian Chopped Steak with Wasabi-Mayo Slaw

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 tbs soy sauce
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 3 tbs soy sauce
- 4 large Romaine or Boston lettuce leaves
- Wasabi-Mayo Slaw
- 3 cups packaged slaw mix
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper strips
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/3 cup prepared wasabi-mayo

Combine mayo slaw ingredients in bowl; toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

Combine beef, 1 tbs soy sauce and garlic in bowl mixing lightly but well. Shape into 4 1/2 inch patties.

Place meat on grid over medium ash-covered coals. Grill uncovered 11 to 13 minutes until pink no longer shows in center. Baste with rest of soy sauce. Place burgers on lettuce leaves and top with coleslaw.

Fall calls for fresh produce, baked in treats

If you enjoy baking and use fresh bananas then bakers know how often you can use blackened bananas in baked goods. This Blueberry Banana bread combines two fruits, both containing potassium, necessary for all diets. Blueberries also have been known to lower cholesterol.

Recipe:

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup ripe mashed bananas
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

Sift flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Cream butter in sugar beat until light and fluffy.

Add eggs and continue beating until well blended. Add flour mixture after each addition only enough to moisten dry ingredients. Fold berries into batter and bananas. Turn into greased and floured loaf pan. Bake at 350 one hour.

Set your sights on carrot soup

Remember when your mother made you eat all of your carrots? Some kids pushed away the nutritious orange veggies away from their plate. NOW, you can get them in a wonderful soup that is sure to please even the most finicky of eaters.

Recipe:

- 2 cups peeled sliced raw carrots
- 1 medium chopped onion
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 tbs. butter
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- dash of dillweed
- chopped parsley for garnish
- 1 quart milk

Bring carrots and onions to a boil, then simmer til carrots are tender. Puree carrots and onions in food processor or sieve. Return puree to saucepan and stir in flour, butter, salt, pepper, dillweed and gradually blend in milk, stirring til mixture is smooth.

Heat, stirring until soup reaches boiling point. Serve hot with a sprinkling of parsley for garnish. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Short Ribs add restaurant feel to home cooking

While restaurants continue to grow in popularity, we still eat 76 percent of our meals at home. Why not combine the best of both worlds and prepare this short rib recipe with red wine sauce in your own kitchen? Braising is ideal for less tender cuts like short ribs. Gentle simmering over low heat creates fork-tender entree that almost melts in your mouth. A great sauce complements the dish.

Round out the dinner with garlic mashed potatoes and a glass of red wine.

Braised Short Ribs With Red Wine Sauce

- 2 pounds well-trimmed beef short ribs
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 can (10-1/2 oz.) beef broth or beef consomme.
- 1 cup dry red wine
- 2 small onions, quartered
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 fresh thyme sprigs
- 2 tbs butter
- 1 1/2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped shallots
- 1 tsp minced fresh thyme
- 2 tsp cornstarch dissolved in 1/2 cup dry red wine

Heat oil in large pot over medium heat until hot. Brown meat on all sides. Season with salt and pepper. Add broth, 1 cup wine, onions, garlic and thyme to pot. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover. Simmer 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until beef is fork tender.

Remove ribs from pot. Keep warm. Strain veggies and skim fat from cooking liquid.

Reserve 3/4 cup cooking liquid for sauce; discard remaining cooking liquid. Melt 1 tbs butter in large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, shallots and thyme; cook and stir 5 minutes. Add reserved cooking liquid and cornstarch mixture to skillet. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Remove skillet from heat; stir in 1 tbs

butter. Serve sauce over short ribs.

Satisfying kids' finicky palates

A wrap combining the best of what kids' love to eat parents' daily mealtime dilemma can be a breeze.

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P Beef and J Wraps

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/3 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 tsp. pepper and chopped green onion
- 2 1/2 tbs. chunky peanut butter
- 2 tbs grape jelly and 2 tbs reduced soy sauce
- 4 medium flour tortillas, warmed

Brown beef in non-stick skillet over medium heat 5 minutes. Add bell pepper and cook 5 more minutes or until meat is not pink. Pour off drippings. Season with pepper.

Stir in green onions, peanut butter, jelly and soy sauce. Cook and stir 3 minutes or until peanut butter and jelly are melted. Spoon beef mixture onto tortillas. Roll up and serve.



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What Does The New SAT Mean To You?

(NAPSA)- Some say that success happens when preparation meets opportunity. So it's no surprise that students who want to be successful on the new SAT, scheduled to debut March 12, 2005, are asking questions about how to prepare.

To assist with that preparation, the experts at Peterson's Test Prep have analyzed upcoming changes to the test. Here are those changes and recommendations to help you prepare.

The new SAT will include an essay. This means you'll need to practice writing a structured essay on a topic you've probably never encountered before. The essay should address the topic in an original way, and it should be relatively error-free and legible. If essay scorers can't read your essay, they can't score it.

Grammar will be tested. To

write a good essay, you need to catch and correct mistakes in your own writing, but on the new SAT, you'll also have to spot them in the writing of others. Use your computer's grammar checker to spot mistakes you typically make.

Math will include harder concepts. Fortunately, this may mean less than you think. The math that will be tested will be Algebra II, which most students complete by the tenth grade. Just make sure you are using up-to-date materials to prepare, or you might get some unwelcome surprises on test day. Analogies and quantitative comparisons are going away.

This means memorizing "SAT Words" will be less important. However, having a good vocabulary will still help you in other parts of the test. The new SAT will contain shorter reading passages, so you'll need to understand complex text, distinguish the author's point of view, and draw conclusions. These are the major changes that affect the way you should prepare

for the SAT. But also keep in mind what isn't changing.

The SAT is still a standardized test, which means that if you know what's on the test and build the skills the test measures, then you have a big advantage. Knowing how the test is scored is also important. Many students believe that they have to try all the questions in order to score well, but you can miss almost half the questions and still score better than most test takers. So you are better off spending time on the easier questions and ignoring the tough ones.

In addition to the SAT, the ACT and PSAT are undergoing changes. New versions of each will be administered this coming school year. For more information on the new SAT, ACT, and PSAT, and how to prepare for them, call Peterson's at 1-877- TEST PREP or visit the Web site at www.petersonstestprep.com.

Recent changes in the SAT may motivate students to change the way they prepare for the test.

Getting The Most From Leisure Time

(NAPSA)- A growing number of people claim that weekends spent relaxing in a hammock or taking a walk are a thing of the past.

According to a recent survey, nearly half (46 percent) of those surveyed said they have less leisure time now than they did five years ago. However, Craig Finney, professor of leisure studies and recreation at the California State University, Northridge thinks people will be more productive, happier and healthier at work and home if they include more leisure time in their lives. Said Finney, "Think of free time as an investment in one's self."

Here are some tips on making leisure time more rewarding.

1. Don't feel guilty for "me" time. Consider leisure an investment in yourself.
2. Say no to excessive work

Minneapolis takes family travel online

Minneapolis' newest kid-friendly attraction is www.minneapolis-kids.com, a website customized for the traveling family. Featuring everything from where to stay if you bring the family dog, to which restaurants offer kid-friendly menus, www.minneapolis-kids.com makes planning a family getaway to Minneapolis a snap.

You may be surprised to hear that Minneapolis recently ranked fifth in the "Kid-Friendly Cities Report" by Population Connection and was named the "most fun city in America" by game maker Cranium. Minneapolis earned these accolades largely due to the unique events and attractions it offers families.

Culture abounds

A theater hotbed, it's only natural that Minneapolis is home to the 2003 Regional Tony Award-winning Children's Theatre Company. Young theater-goers also appreciate the annual Kids' Fringe as part of the Minnesota Fringe Festival.

Minneapolis is nationally known for its museums including the newest addition - the Mill City Museum. Built within the ruins of a 1800s flour mill, kids and parents alike are pouring in to see, touch, smell, hear and taste the story of Minneapolis' milling history. The Minnesota Children's Museum makes learning fun with Rooftop ArtPark, Earth World and many more fun adventures. At the Science Museum of Minnesota families can create their own weather systems, operate a steam engine and much more.

Watch for upcoming cultural expansions including the Children's Theatre Company, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Guthrie Theater.

The Mall

There's only one mall you can refer to as "The Mall," and that is the Mall of America. A family-friendly haven, there's something for everyone with more than 500 stores, Underwater Adventures aquarium and the Camp Snoopy amusement park.

Where to stay

The Courtyard by Marriott, located within the restored Milwaukee Road Train Depot, offers a massive indoor waterpark and ice skating rink. Families can also rent bikes to ride along the nearby Mississippi Riverfront trails.

Getting around

By December 2004 the new Light Rail line will connect downtown Minneapolis to the Mall of America and the Minneapolis / St. Paul Airport.

Before you go

Plan your trip and book hotel rooms and flights at www.minneapolis-kids.com.

demands. Don't bring work home, including e-mail.

3. Spend less time with the tube. Americans spend an average of two hours a day in front of the small screen, according to the Leisure Time Advocacy Study, sponsored by the Hilton Family of Hotels.
4. Make the most of leisure at work. Lead coworkers in a 10-minute yoga session or arrange a monthly sack lunch "meeting" at a nearby park.
5. Keep a "things I said no to list." At the end of the month, add up all the time saved and treat yourself to an enjoyable leisure pursuit.
6. Find your fun focus. Compile a list of your passions and draw from the list whenever there's a free moment. A 20-minute break creates time for a favorite snack, reading a few pages from a book or listening to music.
7. Simplify your life. Eliminate

what you don't love to do to make room for what you do love.

8. Follow the leisure-first principle. See leisure time pursuits as a necessity-not a luxury.

9. Plan trips in advance. Make travel plans with a spouse, family member or friend, and keep each other accountable.

10. Take a business vacation. Extend business trips into leisure vacations-and bring along the family.

One organization, the Hilton Family of Hotels, which includes Hilton, Conrad, Doubletree, Embassy Suites Hotels, Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton Grand Vacations Club and Homewood Suites by Hilton, has created a Web site to help with planning this kind of trip.

Making Your Small Business Dreams a Reality

David Szumigalski CPA/MBA of K & K Tax and Financial Services, located in Tinley Park offers information for those who are thinking of transitioning from a corporate job to starting a business of their own.

For most people, their main priority is to generate enough revenue to replace (or surpass) the salaries they earned while working as an employee. While this obviously is a critical concern, there are many other issues which need to be addressed in order to help the transition from an employee to business owner be a successful one. Some of the keys areas to address include:

1. Have written plan. Even a simple budget of expected revenues, start-up costs and normal monthly operating costs is critical to ensure you have a road-map of what you are trying to accomplish.

2. Choose your business entity. The decision to incorporate or simply start your business without the creation of a formal legal entity can have a dramatic impact upon both your ability to protect your personal assets as well as potential exposure to federal income taxes

3. Create a separate business checking account and how to track your business income and expenses to create your companies financial statements on a on-going basis.

4. Replacing your employer's group health and life insurance plans, a dominant issue for most small business owners.

5. In addition, there may also be 401k retirement accounts which might need to be rolled over into an appropriate tax deferred vehicle as well as determining what type of retirement vehicle might work well for your new business.

This list can seem daunting, especially when your trying to stay focused on building your customer base so it's important to find a professional who can guide you through this process. David Szumigalski, principal of K & K Tax and Financial Services, is a Certified Public

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Worth Township announces schedule of the Senior Citizen and handicapped adults mini-bus service. The Mini-Bus will transport Senior Citizens and Handicapped persons to any point in Worth Township with medical appointments receiving first priority. Return pick-ups from these destinations will also be provided. (Medicals must call before 3:00pm.) Service is provided 8:30am to 3pm. To reserve the ride call 708-371-2900 between 8am-12pm the day before you wish to ride the bus.

For a Monday ride call before noon Friday. The Mini-Bus provides medical and grocery shopping transportation for these following areas indicated: Area 1 (Monday) Evergreen Park, & Hometown (Also anyone registered may go to Chicago Ridge mall on this day.); Area 2 (Tuesday) Oak Lawn and Worth (MEDICAL ONLY); Wednesday Area 2 Oak Lawn (Medical or Grocery); Area 3 (Thursday) Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Palos Heights and Worth; Area 4 (Friday) Alsip, Blue Island, Garden Homes, Merrionette Park and Robbins.

The Mini-Bus will go to Hi-Tech, Palos Hospital, College Drive, St. Francis Hospital and medical offices on Gregory Street.

Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau awards \$19,968 in local tourism matching gifts

Six projects designed to draw overnight visitors to the Chicago Southland region shared \$19,968 in grant funding through the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau Local Grant Program. The grant awards are the first of two awards for the FY05 grant cycle.

The six grant winners are: Village of Palos Park, 90th Anniversary Parade & Chili Cook-Off, \$2,490 for Brochure Printing and Advertising; Village of Tinley Park, Tinley Park Autumn Fine Arts Festival/Oak Park Avenue Mainstreet Association; \$6,757 for Brochure Printing, Website Development & Advertising; Village of Flossmoor, 2004 Flossmoor 5K Run & Companion Walk; \$3,099 for Brochure Printing; Village of Oak Lawn, The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn; \$4,185 for Brochure Printing and Advertising; Village of Park Forest, Grand Prairie Choral Arts; \$2,777 for Brochure Printing and Advertising; Lan-Pak Park District; Vert Fest; \$660 for Advertising.

Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett said that "the Bureau's Local Grants program stretches the marketing dollars of our municipal and non-profit partners, allowing them to market their events and attractions to outside visitors, ultimately impacting not only their village economy, but the economy of the entire Chicago Southland." Since the programs inception in 1991, over \$505,000 in Local Tourism grants to regional municipalities and non-for profit agencies for tourism promotion outside the Chicago Southland area. Marketing Manager Kim Kisowski can be reached at 708-895-8200.

Blue Island Historical Society news

The Blue Island Historical Society invites the public to enjoy a historic Trolley Tour and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 19th. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in person on Monday evenings, 6-8pm at the historic Albee House, 13018 S. Maple Avenue. Also reservations can be made by phone at 708-371-8546. The day includes a slide presentation, trolley tour and an ice cream treat. Tours depart from the Albee House at 1:15, 2:30, and 3:15pm. Blue Island is one of the oldest suburbs in Southern Cook

County and has a rich and colorful history. Narrators will proudly share stories about their town with trolley passengers. Please arrive twenty minutes prior to departure of the trolley.

Evergreen Park Seniors news

The Annual Marge Sturm Senior Volunteers Award Luncheon will be held on Friday, September 24, at noon in the Maher Community Center. Tickets are \$7 and must be obtained by September 20. Outstanding senior volunteers from the area will be honored following the luncheon. Call 708-422-8776 for information.

The Office of Senior Citizens' Services (OCS) fall Las Vegas trip is planned for October 25-October 29 at the Treasure Island Hotel.

Price is \$569 per person double occupancy. Optional trip insurance to be paid with \$100 deposit; final payment is due September 4. Travelers may leave their cars in the Community center parking lot. As the Las Vegas trips are very popular and fill quickly, we suggest you reserve as soon as possible.

The OCS Illinois Rules of the Road class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 (10-12) at the Community Center. This program serves those needing to retest for driver's license renewal. A representative from the secretary of state's office will review current driving laws. There is no fee but reservations are necessary. Stop in or call 422-8776.

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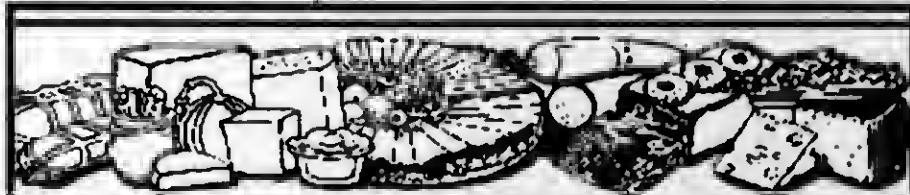
EDCSS Seeks Nominations for Small Business Awards

Moraine Valley Community College's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) is seeking nominations for its 10th annual Small Business

Awards Program. The goal of the program is to recognize the valuable contribution small businesses and their advocates make to the economic development of Chicago's southwest suburbs.

Nominations are being accepted for awards in five categories: Small Business Person of the Year; Government Contractor of the Year (Federal, State or Local); Business Advocate of the Year; Entrepreneur of the Year; and the Training Excellence Award. The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, September 15. All winners will be honored at a luncheon at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park on Wednesday, October 27.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Toby E.



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Evergreen Park resumes classes for seniors Garden Clinic - fourth Monday of the month, resuming Monday, September 27, 10 a.m. in Room 112; Line Dancing - classes resume Monday, September 13. Two 1-hour classes are offered: Beginners - 12:00 Noon and Advanced - 1:00 p.m. at a cost of \$2 per class and pre-registration is not required.

For further information, stop by the center or telephone (708) 422-8776.

60th ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Reservations are being taken now for the Evergreen Park Public Library's 60th anniversary dinner and silent auction fundraiser on September 18 in the Butler Reception Room at St. Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd Street from 6-10 p.m. The \$60 ticket price includes open bar, hors d'oeuvres, prime rib or chicken marsala entrée, and dessert.

Seating is limited. Please make reservations early. Call (708) 422-8522 for information

Redshaw, corporate vice president of IT Strategy, Architecture and eBusiness for Motorola, Inc., who will speak on "Future Technology Trends for Small and Growing Businesses."

For more information or to receive a nomination packet, call Carol Malina at (708) 974-5714 or e-mail malina@morainevalley.edu.

Retiring Orland Park Police Officer Gilbert is honored

Orland Park Police Officer George Gilbert will be honored at a retirement celebration marking more than 32 years of service to the Orland Park community. On Sunday, September 12th, Gilbert's village colleagues will honor him at a retirement celebration at the Orland Park Civic Center.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include food, beer, wine, pop, entertainment and a gift for Gilbert. Additional information is available by calling the Orland Park Police Department's non-emergency number, 708-349-4111.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow announces picnic

The Oak Lawn Lighthouse will meet together for their annual outreach picnic. There will be no charge for anyone, including guests, but there will be a freewill offering. The menu will depend on you, our friends and the food donations you bring.

This is the fifth picnic for us, and we need your help! As in the past, New Creations will be there to minister in song, along with Jewel Robinson, who will demonstrate Praise Dancing and teach a hip hop dance to the kids. Troubles the Clown will make an appearance and will make balloons animals for a small donation. In order for us to give a gift to each child, have face painting and games, adults raffle, bingo games and have information available on our upcoming dinner meetings, we need people to participate and help out, even if it's only for an hour or tow. We can only be successful in this ministry, if we work together. If you would like

to help or get more information, please call Linda at (708) 425-6957 or Gladys at (773) 582-1517. Gather your friends, neighbors and family to share in this special day.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats and conferences on six continents.

Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups and support groups

Palos United Methodist Women is sponsoring an upcoming women's Retreat. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 25, 2004. It will be held at Palos United Methodist Church, 12101 S. Harlem Ave., Palos Heights, IL from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Ticket Price is \$15.00

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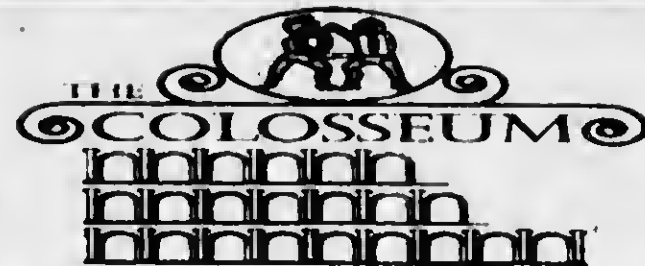
South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association will sponsor a Joint Municipal Auction on Saturday, September 11, 2004. The auction will be held at the Hazel Crest Public Works Garage, 2751 W. 170th Street in Hazel Crest (175th Street between Governor's Highway and Kedzie, then north on California).

Fifteen municipalities will be participating in the auction and three municipalities will be participating in the garage sale. Items to be auctioned include police and administrative vehicles, pickups, dump trucks, SUV's, vans, step van, motorcycle, chipper leaf machines, backhoe, trailer/mower, tractor and more. All pieces are sold AS IS, WHERE IS, and must be REMOVED SAME DAY BY BUYER. Failure to comply with the terms will result in penalties.

Prior inspection and registration begin at 8 a.m. Vehicle auction begins promptly at 10 a.m. For more information, call 708/206/1155.

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Bremen High School District 228

Board Meeting Summary August 17, 2004

The Board of Education approved the regular session minutes and closed session minutes of July 20, 2004. Dr. Coleman introduced new staff members for the 2004-05 school year.

Two residents spoke regarding student transfers from Hillcrest High School to Bremen High School.

Dr. Glenn provided a summary of the 2004 summer school program held June 7 through July 19. Dr. Glenn provided a summary of the 2003-04 PSAE tests.

Dr. Mitchell reported the following:

A welcome to Linda Pettite, his new administrative assistant. Opening institute day is Thursday, August 19 at Loew's Theater at 7:45 a.m. All staff will be in attendance as well as Maggie Crotty and Hazel Crest Village President Bill Browne.

The speaker is Reg Weaver, NEA President. He recently attended the Freshman Leadership Program at Gaelic Park and the Braves Fest program at Bremen High School. He and Barb Katches met with our community police chiefs recently to meet and discuss student issues. He attended new staff meetings at our schools.

Registration is underway and has been frustrating. Options will be reviewed and streamlining will take place for next year's process.

Reports - Lou Macaluso, JFA President

Lou Macaluso spoke to the Board of Education regarding a Memo of Understanding regarding professional council, and stated the JFA will re-address the issue after the Board takes a vote.

Board of Education Self-Evaluation

The chairperson or administrative liaison provided committee reports for the Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Technology, Policy, and Personnel Committees.

New Business

The Board of Education approved new business items as follows: PMA Financial Network Financial Planning Program

Superintendent's Goals

Student Discipline

The Board of Education approved amended personnel items as follows:

Personnel - Certificated Staff

Resignations - Susan Williams, Gabriel Argao

Maternity Leaves - Dawn O'Connor, Tammy Baranowski

Employment - Linda Koepke, Charles Zabelka

Full-Time Substitute - Timothy Flannigan, Jennifer Intihar, Tanya Thompson, Kimberly Curlee, Milda Harris, Gwennette Hale, Vernell Glover, Claudia Lillard, Sally King

Personnel - Educational Support Personnel

Resignation - Roscoe Newell

Employment - Thomas Farrell, Navia Thomas, Terrence Bingham

in one of three sports: Golf, softball or equestrian competition. In addition, golf is being offered as Unified Sport*. Unified Sports* involve Special Olympics athletes and non-Special Olympics athletes on the same team competing against other Unified Sports* teams. Unified Sports* is an important program because it expands sports opportunities for athletes seeking new challenges and dramatically increases integration in the community.

Opening ceremonies for the Outdoor Sports Festival will be in downtown Decatur on Saturday, September 11. The Parade of Athletes begins at 6:15 p.m. at Union Planters Bank parking lot and will proceed to Central Park for Opening Ceremonies. Afterwards, athletes and coaches will walk to the Decatur Civic Center for dinner and a dance. Community members are invited to attend Opening Ceremonies and the competitions to cheer on the athletes.

Fifty athletes will compete in equestrian competition on Saturday and Sunday at Big Creek Riding Stables. Athletes will compete in showmanship, English equitation and dressage from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and stock seat equitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday. Competition continues from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday with working trails. Working trails classes include obstacles for the horse and rider. For example, an athlete might weaver his/her horse through a set of cones.

The 42 athletes competing in 9-hole golf will tee off from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Nelson Golf Course. Nine-hole competition will continue with tee times from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Thirty-eight Special Olympics athletes and their Unified Partners will tee off in alternate-shot golf competition from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sunday. The 31 athletes participating in golf individual skills competition will compete from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Individual skills competition consists of a series of six tests. Skills tested include short putt, long putt, chip shot, pitch shot, iron shot and wood shot.

Slow-pitch softball teams that won the right to advance from one of six Special Olympics district softball tournaments in Illinois are eligible to compete at the Outdoor Sports Festival. The

athletes will compete in slow-pitch softball, tee ball or individual skills competition. Thirty-three softball teams will compete in the tournament. Softball team play will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Borg-Warner Sports complex. Team competition will continue from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Twenty-two teams will demonstrate their athletic ability via slow-pitch softball competition on Diamonds 1, 2 and 6 at Borg-Warner Sports complex. The other 11 teams will play tee ball on Diamonds 3 and 4. The 54 athletes participating in softball individual skills competition will test their skills from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday on Diamond 4. Individual skills competition consists of a series of four tests. Skills tested include the athlete's ability and speed running the bases, distance and accuracy of softball throwing, fielding ability and hitting distance off a batting tee.

The Outdoor Sports Festival is one of seven state tournaments. There are 175 Special Olympics competitions held each year throughout the state. To compete in the festival, athletes must have trained for at least eight weeks and qualified through one of 17 Areas in the state.

We are pleased to be returning to the Decatur area for this tournament and to have Opening Ceremonies downtown," says Doug Snyder, President & CEO for Special Olympics Illinois. "Special Olympics athletes always appreciate the warm hospitality and volunteer efforts seen in the area. The Outdoor Sports Festival provides athletes with an opportunity to demonstrate the sports skills they've mastered through competition, while using the social skills they're constantly improving by meeting new people and renewing old friendships."

As Official Partners of Special Olympics Illinois, the Illinois Knights of Columbus, Law Enforcement Torch Run and ShopKo are the Gold Medal Sponsors of

the Outdoor Sports Festival. Caterpillar is the Bronze Medal Sponsor of the festival.

Special Olympics Illinois is a not-for-profit organization offering year-round training and competition in 19 sports for nearly 20,000 athletes ages 8 years and older with intellectual disabilities [mental retardation] or closely related developmental disabilities. Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family support. If you are interested in learning more about Special Olympics Illinois, volunteering or providing financial support to help make Special Olympics programs possible, contact your local Special Olympics agency, call 800-TEAM-ISO or visit the Web site at www.soill.org.

Rally Day at Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church of Oak Lawn invites the community to join them for Rally Day, Sunday School Registration and Sunday School Ministry Team Installation on September 12. This marks first day of Sunday School and Rally Day for preschoolers through 8th Grade, which starts at 9:45 a.m. To join in the activities, meet in the auditorium for special entertainment along with the balloon launch. Teachers will be installed on Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. service. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 9701 South Brandt Avenue (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) in Oak Lawn. For additional information call the church office at (708) 422-0193.



Traffic Safety Hints

From Secretary of State
Jesse White

Schooldays are here again and motorists are reminded to obey the law when approaching a stopped school bus and to slow down when entering school zones and residential area.

Q. During what hours is the 20 mph school zone speed limit in effect?

A. Between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on school days when children are present and signs are posted. Many schools offer after school day care, so motorists need to slow down and practice caution after 4 p.m. as well. Under Illinois law, all school zones are no passing zones.

Q. What does the law say about stopping for a school bus?

A. Motorists on a two-way roadway must stop before meeting or overtaking a school bus that is loading or unloading passengers or has its stop sign signal arm extended. Bus drivers will flash the lights on the front and rear of the bus at least 100 feet in advance (200 feet in rural areas) to warn motorists of an approaching stop. You may proceed when the stop arm is no longer extended, the bus resumes motion or the bus driver signals you to pass.

Q. What is the rule for approaching a stopped school bus on a street with two or more lanes of traffic in each direction?

A. If you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction, you do not need to stop. However, slow down and proceed with caution. Drivers in all lanes of traffic going in the same direction as the bus must stop.

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Special Olympics Athletes to Compete in Outdoor Sports Festival

Nearly 650 athletes from around the state will participate in the Special Olympics Illinois Outdoor Sports Festival in Decatur September 11-12.

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Reinventing a snack for children

Food for children are giving way to school-time routines for students nationwide - like hitting the stores for the hottest binders and coolest crayon sets. As parents begin re-thinking what to stuff in their child's backpack, it's also a great time for adults and kids alike to re-evaluate what they put in their lunch boxes.

This fall, kids and parents can spice up their noontime meal and bolster the nutritional content of their lunches with the following two recipes, courtesy of Sara Lee Bakery Group's nutritionist Frances Coletta.

Kid's Recipe "Cool Fuel"
Sandwich - Top 2 slices of IronKids Special Recipe Bread with 2 tablespoons peanut butter and a sliced pear. (Cut sandwich into four triangles.)
Ants on a Log - Cut one 7-8" piece of celery into thirds and fill each with 1 tablespoon low fat cream cheese. Top each third with 2 raisins. 20 red grapes. Enjoy with a cup of skim milk.
Nutritional Info: Calories - 648; Protein - 25 grams; Carbohydrate - 96 grams; Fiber - 13 grams; Sugars - 54 grams; Fat - 23 grams; Saturated Fat - 7 grams.

Monounsaturated Fat - 9 grams;
Polyunsaturated Fat - 5 grams;
Cholesterol - 22 mg; Calcium - 716 mg; Iron - 2.7 mg; Sodium - 377 mg

Adult's Recipe - "Energy on the Go"

Sandwich - Top 1 Sara Lee Delicious 100% Whole Wheat Bagel with 3 tablespoons hummus, 1/2 cup shredded lettuce, and 2 thin slices of tomato.

1 cup of mixed diced melon (combine cantaloupe, honeydew, and watermelon) 1 cup of low-fat fruit flavored yogurt 1 tablespoon chopped pecans. Enjoy with bottled water

Nutritional Info: Calories - 522; Protein - 26 grams; Carbohydrate - 85 grams; Fiber - 11 grams; Sugars - 49 grams; Fat - 13 grams; Saturated Fat 3 grams; Monounsaturated Fat - 5.5 grams; Polyunsaturated Fat - 3 grams; Cholesterol - 11 mg; Calcium - 437 mg; Iron - 3.8 mg; Sodium - 305 mg. I thought you might be interested in including the above lunch recipes in one of your upcoming articles focusing on healthy lunchbox fare or back-to-school recipes.

The French flair for that special someone

by Anita Anderson

Le Francais in Wheeling a 30 year old legend is about a 35 minute drive from 95th Street and Cicero Avenue. If you want to highlight a special event in your life with romance and French flair then your problems are solved.

Chef/partner Michael Lachowicz offers such delicacies as Lasagna D'Escargot with Roquefort, Lobster ravioli, Terrine of Chilled Foie Gras and Artichoke with Black Truffle served with warmed toasted brioche or Fennel crusted seared loin of yellow fin tuna and tuna tartar with shaved fennel salad and fennel raisin courton. Some of the listed food items are just the beginning of a menu offering that borders on incredible.

The fresh seafood, three market fresh fish prepared in three different presentations is alone worth the time to dine at the famous eatery. Or, roast breast and stuffed leg of Scottish partridge or boneless loin of lamb wrapped in a cumin garlic sausage paired with roast rack and leg of lamb and natural juices. As for dessert, please leave room for show stoppers like strawberry rhubarb pot pie with buttermilk ice cream or curry-scented coconut rice pudding with warm papaya salad and roasted Macadamia nut ice cream.

LeFrancais is located at 269 S. Milwaukee in Wheeling. Lunch is a la carte with appetizers ranging from \$18 to \$22. Dinner presents four price-fixed menus from \$75 to \$100. Call 847-541-7470.



Sam Buca's A Little Bit of Italy

The dinner menu is extensive and there are many Italian choices. Specialties included eggplant parmigian, pasta primavera, angle hair, mostaccioli, spaghetti or rigatoni pastas, homemade manicotti, caratelli, pasta and broccoli. There is a children menu and carry outs are available on the menu items. All credit cards are accepted. Sam Buca's is located at 12231 S Harlem in Palos Heights.

For the best service Italian lunch or dinner there is a little bit of Italy right here in Palos Heights. Settle into the classy intimate dining area of Sam Buca's and enjoy casual Italian dining at reasonable prices. Everything is home made and specialties include stuffed artichokes, baked clams, calamari, baked shrimp, and sauteed spinach and garlic. For lunch you can enjoy a delicious sandwich served with Italian fries and on garlic bread. Choices range from marinated grilled steak, serloin burger, Italian beef, sausage, meatball, breaded fish, BBQ chicken, Italian poor boy and numerous other delicacies. You may also choose between salads, side orders, homemade soups and appetizers for lunch.

On the weekend for dinner reservations are recommended. Call 708-361-1226.

Illinois Ballet Theatre makes Harris Theater debut

By Marijo Doody

The Chicago debut of the Illinois Ballet Theatre at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance showed top-flight performers with the mix of technically brilliant guest professionals and student-level dancers.

Sherry Moray, Artistic Director, indicated in the program notes this extraordinary dance experience is not to be missed. The program entitled "Kaleidoscope Vision" showed many colors in the ballet spectrum. From classic to contemporary, the dance was filled with drama, elegance, romance and excellence in innovative choreography.

Moray called upon a large number of alumnae and former colleagues who are top-flight dancers from the Joffrey Ballet, Britain's Royal Ballet, Germany's Stuttgart Ballet, the Milwaukee Ballet and others. This gave the memorable performance elegant excellence. Founded in 2000 by former ballerina Sherry Moray, the Illinois Ballet Theatre based in Downers Grove and functions in tandem with the Academy of Dance Arts, which trains most of the dancers.

"Kaleidoscope Vision" began with the ballet "Be Major" a Chicago premiere choreographed by Roger Van Fleteren with music by Serge Bortiewicz. The young dancers were excellent in this classical-Olympics type ballet with them not missing a beat. In Moray's "Delibes

Variations," the demanding work went to the next level with the dancing of Joffrey's Joanna Wozniak partnered with Brian Debes of the Pennsylvania Ballet and Jin Stein of the Austin Ballet. Wozniak demonstrated the skills in articulate footwork, landings and the ease of flowing movement.

Chicago dancer-choreographer Paul Christiano's work "Cemetery of Kisses" was world premiered. This was a dance of breathtaking emotion. It was brilliantly danced by

Paul Christiano, Robin Gayle and Jordan Ashley Gazdiak with its gymnastic movement and body contacts. Robin and Jordan are from the Columbia City and Alabama Ballets. The music for the production was by Alfredo Rolando Ortiz, a Cuban. He performed it wonderfully on his "Paraguayan harp."

Passion was displayed in Moray's two pas de deux danced by Milwaukee Ballet's Yumelia Garcia who had superb technique and was swept into fantasy as she was reading. This was in "All My Love." In Satie's music "Gymnopedie," Royal Ballet's Heather Chin a tiny dancer had phenomenal control in stretches and was joined by her partner Mat-

thew Roy Prescott also from Joffrey.

During the intermission, I had an opportunity to see the joy of local parents from Downers, Naperville, Westchester and Geneva carrying flowers for the dancer adult-children who were making their Harris Theatre debut. Angelina Zuccarini (Stuttgart Ballet) was superb in the tribute to Zeppelin tunes in "Zep Dance." She danced with a playfully exotic precision-toned technique. Her mom was beaming as she pointed out her daughter's part in the program.

Illinois Ballet Theatre dancers Masha Boyko, Katherine Ross Collins and Amanda Gawrysz did excellent work in the variations from "Le Corsaire." Amanda's mother was also beaming as she pointed out Amanda's parts in the program. She had on an exquisite green costume.

The program would not have been complete without a word on costumes. They were hand made by the team of costume directors Sabena Sellnow, Karen Ejzak and Katy Luxion. It brought back memories of my own mother making costumes for my sister and myself in years' gone by. Their workmanship was absolutely breath taking and added to the exquisite evening. Program staging was without background scenery and props so the audience could thoroughly enjoy the dance movement. To contact Illinois Ballet Theatre in Downers Grove write them at 1524 Center Circle, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

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Bettenhausen Sworn In As Orland Fire Protection District Chief

Career Fire Service Professional Becomes Fourth Chief In District History

On Wednesday, August 18, Donald R. Bettenhausen, 46, accepted the oath of office to serve as the fourth fire chief in the 35-year history of the Orland Fire Protection District, a separate government entity from the communities it serves. Orland Fire Trustee Dale Karlson served as master of ceremonies while Trustee Patricia Corcoran introduced the dignitaries and fire service representatives in attendance.

The new chief's brothers, both of whom are firefighters, Oak Forest Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Tom Bettenhausen and Tinley Park Fire Department Assistant Chief Mark Bettenhausen administered the oath of office to their youngest brother. Chief Bettenhausen's wife, Donna, and their three children, Christine, Andy and Bridget proudly smiled as he officially became chief for the 33-square mile Orland Fire Protection District.

Tom Bettenhausen, the oldest of the three, spoke of the family's history in the Orland area, noting that their late father, Irv Bettenhausen owned Don's Texaco Station formerly located at 159th Street and LaGrange Road. Describing his kind hearted youngest brother, Bettenhausen told the audience, "My brother would do anything for any of you here today." experience required to lead the Orland Fire Protection District," Maher added.

Nelson-Katsenes added, "We, as a board, look forward to working with Chief

Bettenhausen, giving him the tools and support necessary to carry out our mission."

Bettenhausen said, "Thank you to the Orland Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for their expression of confidence in my abilities. I am especially looking forward to working with a talented and well-trained staff of battalion chiefs, administrative staff and the members of the IAFF Local #2754."

Before taking the helm at Orland, Bettenhausen served as assistant fire chief for the Hazelcrest Fire Department, where he worked for 25 years.

Bettenhausen holds a Master of Public Safety Administration Degree from Lewis University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He holds memberships in a number of regional, state federal and international fire service organizations.

Fire service in the Orland area dates back to 1894 when the then Orland Park Volunteer Fire Department was created. The Orland Fire Protection District, a separate government entity, was formed in 1969.

"I'm very excited to be a part of the growth of the Orland Fire Protection District," Bettenhausen said, adding, "It's a privilege to work with such a talented group of people."

Now, 110 years since fire service first came to the area, the Orland Fire Protection

District boasts more than 100 full-time suppression and emergency medical service personnel plus an additional 30 support staff. The district serves 33 square miles that include a population of more than 75,000 people. Rated as a Class 2 fire district by the Insurance Services Office, Inc., the Orland Fire Protection District is recognized as one of the premier fire/emergency medical service organizations in the State of Illinois.

JOINT MUNICIPAL AUCTION & GARAGE SALE

Sponsored by South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association

South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association will sponsor a Joint Municipal Auction on Saturday, September 11, 2004. The auction will be held at the Hazel Crest Public Works Garage, 2751 W. 170th Street in Hazel Crest (175th Street between Governor's Highway and Kedzie, then north on California).

Fifteen municipalities will be participating in the auction and three municipalities will be participating in the garage sale. Items to be auctioned include police and administrative vehicles, pickups, dump trucks, SUV's, vans, step van, motorcycle, chipper leaf machines, backhoe, trailer/mower, tractor and more.

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Oak Forest Firefighter/Paramedic Tom Bettenhausen administers the oath of office to his youngest brother, Orland Fire Protection District Chief Donald R. Bettenhausen. Looking on is the new chief's other brother, Tinley Park Assistant Fire Chief Mark Bettenhausen.



Newly installed Orland Fire Protection District Chief Donald Bettenhausen (center) is flanked by Orland Fire Trustees (left to right) Patrick Maher,

istration begin a 8 a.m. Vehicle auction begins promptly at 10 a.m. For more information, call (708) 206-1155.

Together We Cope

Together We Cope plans benefit A pasta extravaganza sponsored by

TogetherWeCope is planned for September 13, 2004 at Casto's restaurant at 16846 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park from 4:30-9pm. 100% of the ticket sales

benefits the Homeless Prevention Agency. Donation is \$20 adults and \$5 children under 12. Call 708-633-5040. The menu includes salad, pasta buffet, dessert, beer, wine and pop.

Registration Coming soon

News from Information for life's transitions (ACT) Registration deadline is September 17 for the October ACT Test. College-bound high school students can take

the test on October 23, 2004 the next test date. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation. The exam is administered in all 50 states. The late registration deadline is October 1 (an additional \$15 fee is required for late registration.) Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or they can register on the web at www.actstudent.org.

The ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, math and science. It takes three hours to complete. The test fee is \$28.

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Chicago Ridge Clears Way for CVS Pharmacy

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the planning and zoning recommendation for a special use variation for Walsh's Towing and Auto Repair at the August 17, Chicago Ridge Board meeting. This variation allows for Walsh to relocate their business from the corner of 111th and Central to their other property at 111th and Mayfield Ave, which is currently used to impound vehicles. This relocation allows for the construction of the proposed CVS Pharmacy, which will be located at 111th and Central.

The board approved the following business licenses: Precise Ambulance at 9982 S. Anderson - Miner Naprapathic Clinic at 10139 Harlem Ave and Windson Fashions at the Mall. The board also approved the following block party requests: Austin Ave on Aug 14, Barnard Dr on Sept 4, and Princess Ave on Sept 5. A resolution to the public works contract was also approved.

The board voted to immediately shut down the unlicensed operation of Mr. Roche's building-parking lot, which houses semi-trailers in the industrial park and give the owners of all vehicles in the lot a five-day notice to remove them. Police Chief Tim Balderman began placing stickers on all vehicles the following morning. Trustee

Bruce Quintos reported, "Mr. Roche has been has been given more than reasonable time to correct the situation." Quintos stated that the village doesn't know what is being stored in the semi-trailers and people are entering and exiting the lot at all

hours of the day and night. "With the threat of terrorism not only foreign but domestic, such as the Oklahoma City bombing. We can't continue to allow these trailers to be stored there without knowing what's in them.

For example, there could be fertilizer stored in these trailers", Quintos said. The board voted to waive the bidding process and award the Mcnard Ave. project to Crowley Shepard for \$114,000. The purchase of a power point projector for the Fire Department for \$999.00 as well as the installation of a new alert system at Fire Station 2 for \$4,700.00 was also approved. The grand opening and ribbon cutting of the Internal Revenue Building at 111th and Mayfield Ave is slated for Sept 7, at 10 a.m.

Chicago Ridge Library offers new and exciting programs

Exciting programs are offered this fall to children in grades 3-8 at the Chicago Ridge Library October 5 and end December 7. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 3:30-4:30. The theme this fall will be the South Sea Islands. Children will learn about the different traditions and cultures of the people living in Hawaii, New Zealand, Easter Island, and other islands through books, videos, music, crafts, and food sampling. Registration is required and begins on Monday, September 13, 2004.

A book discussion group for kids in grades 3, 4, & 5 will meet on the first and third Thursdays in October, November, and December from 6:30-7:30 PM. An introductory meeting will be



Chicago Ridge Mayor Eugene (Szczygielski) Siegel and Renata Cichowicz dance to the music of the Ekumenia Trio at Lexington Health Care Center In Chicago Ridge. Renata, "picked up" the handsome trio when they were performing at a church service in Bridgeview. Renata Cichowicz Picks Up Three Men In Church and Delivers them To Chicago Ridge Seniors.

Mayor Siegel enjoys day with seniors

Saint Fabian Parish in Bridgeview, Illinois conducts three Polish masses every Sunday and Renata Cichowicz, who is born and raised in Kolbuszowa, is a faithful church attendee.

During a recent 12:45 service, Renata was pleasantly surprised when a singing trio visiting from her homeland began performing. "The first thing I noticed," Renata smiles, "...was that the boys were cute. Very, very, very

cute. And I was so impressed that such young people in today's world were actually promoting and singing about God."

Ekumenia is the name of the group whose members were on a worldwide tour. Renata was not about to let them return to Poland before coaxing them to Chicago Ridge to visit the 203 seniors who live at Lexington Health Care. (In Poland, while studying for her Masters De-

gree in Catholic University, Renata was an Elementary School Teacher. She came to the United States in 1993 and brought with her the family's values of "love, respect, commitment and dedication" - all of which she now shares with her husband, two children and her "adopted grandma's and grandpa's.")

Chicago Ridge's Mayor Eugene (Szczygielski) Siegel, who is also Polish, realized how large the senior

Polish community is at Lexington, but it was really brought to light when Ekumenia spent an afternoon singing Polish songs with Lexington's fifteen Polish residents and its five Polish staff members wholeheartedly joining in.

"When we travel, many of our stops are at church and we love performing hymns including what Renata heard during services at St. Fabian's Parish like 'Bless the Lord, My Soul,' and 'Stay with Me.' But of course, religious pieces are not all we play," explains Piotr Soch. The trio also perform popular tunes ranging from the Beatles; 'Let it Be' to Peter Paul and Marys 'Blowin' in the Wind,' as well as rock music."

And, when it was polka time - all those who could dance the polka did dance the polka - including the Mayor of Chicago Ridge. As a result the Mayor's enthusiasm, Renata is planning a Summer party in which all food, music and conversation will be Polish. "And then," she says, "we're setting up monthly Lexington Polish Club gatherings with residents and staff, their families and friends." If you are of Polish descent, and would like to stop and visit, or volunteer time with seniors, call Renata at 708-425-1100 in Chicago Ridge.

held October 7 when children will be given their first paperback book to read. They should be ready to discuss the book at the following meeting. Three books will be read and discussed during the two months. This group offers young children who enjoy reading the opportunity to talk about and think about the books they read.

Registration is required and starts on Monday, September 13, 2004. Class size is limited to 15. Kids' Chess Club for kids in grades 3-6 will start on Monday, September 13. This group will

meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Kids who want to learn to play chess or to compete with others can drop in to the library from 3:30-4:30.

For more information about these or other library programs, please call 708-423-7753.

Scholarships awarded

Queen of Peace High School has awarded academic scholarships for the 2004-2005 school year to

first year incoming freshman based on their outstanding performance on the school's entrance exam.

Frosh students from Oak Lawn are Courtney Blouzdis, St. Gerald, and Emily Straple, St. Germaine. Those awarded scholarships from Burbank include Nikki Ficker, Fry School and Erin Heckler, St. Albert the Great.

Also included in scholarships are Amanda Adcock, of Hickory Hills, Wilkins Junior High, Veronica Eskra, of Palos Hills, and Sarah Geinosky, of Palos Heights, St. Symphorosa. Incoming

Frosh from Chicago receiving are Elizabeth Crea, Nneka Cruz, Samantha Degnan, Selenia Murillow, Anne O'Neill and Kelly Lein. Other Chicagoans are Alexandria Rumsa, Julie Vargus, Patricia Whittaker and Cynthia Wojtaszek

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Evergreen Park Streetscape Beautification Completed

By Matt Mayer

The Village conducted a mailing survey approximately three years after James Sexton was elected Village Mayor. The survey was in regards to resident concerns. An overwhelming 90 percent of the respondent's main concern was the condition of 95th Street and the business district in luring new business as well as retaining the current businesses, says Sexton.

The 95th Street Streetscape Committee was

then formed. This committee consisted of residents and business people as well as State Representative James Brosnahan, State Senator Edward Maloney, along with various Village departments. "I think committees are good because we get a multitude of people involved - this allowed us the opportunity to receive various ideas which may have a different perspective than mine, perhaps a perspective that may present a better idea", Sexton says.

The committee began

working with Phil Hanegraf of HNBT Group, which is nationally recognized for architects, planners and designers. HNBT met with the Streetscape Committee and presented designs, which depicted a gateway district, pictured to the right and a downtown district from Utica to Homan Avenue with Kedzie being the focal point displaying the Village Crest. The planners and committee felt this would identify Evergreen Park from other communities. This project started



New Brick Entryway and Sign Welcomes Motorists to Evergreen Park

when the Plaza began remodeling and then Standard Bank remodeled.

"This was what the vil-

lage set their objectives on. We wanted the project to look like this. All the sidewalks were replaced with pigmented

concrete and stamped to create a brick effect. Pedestrian lighting was also installed with unipole lights at every traffic signal and lights on all other existing light poles," Sexton said.

Sexton was quick to point out that this project was funded with sales tax money and not real estate tax money and the projected cost will be very close to the budgeted \$4 million. "We have a request into the State through IDOT to receive funding for this project. State Representative Brosnahan has been working diligently on this and we are optimistic that we will receive the entire \$4 million. We should obtain an answer within the next two months," said Sexton.

Oak Lawn Library Rededication

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., welcomes residents and patrons from surrounding communities to take part in a Rededication Celebration set for Sunday, September 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This historic event marks the completion of a two-year, \$5.5 million building expansion and renovation project that increased the library's overall size by 25 percent and added numerous enhancements.

The festivities will kick off at 1:15 p.m. with a Rededication Ceremony. Beginning at 2:00 p.m., patrons may enjoy musical entertainment throughout the library. Tours of the building will include many behind-the-scenes areas. Light refreshments will be served.

The Rededication event will also feature a variety of special offers, contests and giveaways. Oak Lawn residents can pick up a free gift at the patron appreciation drawing on September 19. Patrons will be granted a "once in a lifetime" opportunity to pay no late fines on

overdue items during Amnesty Week, September 19 through September 25, 2004. Some restrictions will apply.

The library will conduct an Oak Lawn history trivia contest September 19 through October 8. The grand prize is a TGIF Plus Getaway donated by the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel & Conference Center. Runners-up will receive a copy of "The Oak Lawn Story." Contest forms and rules will be available starting September 19.

Children may partake in several fun activities at the library's Rededication Celebration. From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. a performer specializing in balloon animals, juggling, face painting and magic will entertain youngsters in the Youth Services Department. Half-hour drop-in story times will be presented at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

For additional information about the Rededication Celebration, special activities and the library's services, visit the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us) or call (708) 422-4900

McAuley Volleyball grand finale season

Nancy Pedersen, Head Volleyball Coach since 1983, announced she would be handing over the coaching reigns after the 2004-05 season. She will remain as Athletic Director, a position she has held since 1994.

Her winning legacy at McAuley includes 19 Conference titles, 22 Regional titles and 8 state championships. Her outstanding career record is 748-108 through the 2003-04 season.

Coach Pederson also holds numerous Illinois coaching records and named NFICA National Coach of the Year in 1998.

She has served as chairperson on many committees and has also served as a Conference Board representative, held Directorships with the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Athletic Director's Association and participated on both Executive Boards.

BAC Open House

The Beverly Art Center Open House is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th from 12 to 2 p.m. Take part in some fascinating artistic demonstrations, view explanatory exhibits and take advantage of the opportunity to speak with BAC teachers about class content and expectations. If you're ready to make your selection, the Open House is a fantastic chance to get a head-start on class registration! All classes start the week of September 2. For more information (and to view in-depth articles about on-goings at the Beverly Arts Center), please visit the BAC website at www.beverlyartcenter.org/ or call the BAC at 773/445-3838.

ABWA Big Money Raffle Drawing Set for September 23

Libra Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) has announced their "Big Money Raffle" Drawing will take place on Thursday, September 23, at 8 p.m. at Rosewood West Restaurant in Crestwood, Illinois.

Tickets are still available at a cost of \$20 each with only 200 tickets available. Prizes consist of a Grand Prize of \$1,000, Second Prize \$500, Third prize \$200, Fourth Prize \$200 and Fifth Prize \$100. All proceeds from this raffle are placed in the Chapter's Education Fund. To obtain any of the few remaining tickets, contact Gloria DuBall at (708) 389-5965.

The chapter's membership includes individuals from south suburban communities including, Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Alsip, Oak Forest, Tinley Park, Crestwood, and Midlothian. Over the past 23 years, Libra Charter Chapter has raised close to \$100,000 and has used the funds to support higher education through scholarships for local students.

The evening's program also includes a presentation by Lisa Czibor, owner of Plainfield Antiques of Plainfield, Illinois. The discussion will be on antiques and collectibles. She will talk about the meaning of "collectibles" and how to determine what is and what is not a collectible. Members and guests may bring items for review. Reservations for dinner may be obtained by contacting Betty Caauwe at (708) 385-8627.

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

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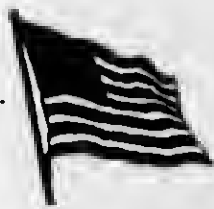
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Armed Service announcements



Navy Fireman Jason M. Dyrda, son of Laura and David Dyrda of Chicago, Ill., recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn. During the six-week course, Dyrda learned the basic theory, construction, and operation of nuclear-

powered submarines. Dyrda also learned shipboard organization, damage control, and submarine safety and escape procedures. Dyrda participated in hands-on training with reality simulators, practiced firefighting and flood control on board a submarine. Dyrda also learned about a

submarine's basic hydraulic, water and air systems, and practiced escaping from a simulated sinking submarine.

Dyrda is a 1999 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago, Ill. and joined the Navy in April 2004.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Rachele L. Curci, a 2000 graduate of Queen Of Peace High School, Burbank, Ill., assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Preble, homeported in San Diego, recently reunited with Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 3 after conducting training exercises in the Navy's U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

Curci's ship conducted advanced training in damage control, concentrating on chemical, biological and radiological defense, as well as fire and flooding response team drills.

The ship also conducted various community service missions and furthered international relations before arriving back in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility.

Ports of call included the Kingdom of Tonga; Hong Kong, China, Phuket, Thailand; and Singapore.

USS Preble provides multi-mission offensive and defensive capabilities. The ship and crew perform anti-submarine warfare, anti-air warfare and anti-surface warfare by using the Vertical Launching System, advanced Tomahawk and anti-aircraft missiles and a multi-function phase array radar.

Local Author Publishes Book on Middle East Crisis

Wayne D. Connolly of Chicago Ridge, IL has announced the publishing of his new book, "The Final Exodus", which uncovers the reasons behind the hostilities between the Palestinians and Israel. It also focuses on why the struggle for peace has failed and why violence can't be terminated employing previous methods. He proposes a creative answer to solve the problem but permanently remove the most salient reason for world-wide terrorism. The book is available at Barnes and Noble or can be ordered online at www.publishamerica.com/books/5491.

Museum Satellites Proposed in Palos Park

The Palos Park Village Council has made a request to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) to develop a 267 acre parcel along the Cal-Sag Channel east of 86th Avenue for a new regional cultural attraction.

The Village is interested in collaborating with various museums and the MWRD to promote a facility for a satellite museum, outdoor recreational uses, gardens and boat dock that would allow water transportation and education tours from Palos Park all the way to Navy Pier.

Museums that may be interested in developing off-site locations include the Adler Planetarium, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Historical Society, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, the Field Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry and the Shedd Aquarium. Brookfield Zoo has also directly expressed an interest in participating.

The concept of developing a regional cultural attraction is not new. Village officials have pondered the idea of maximizing Palos Park's proximity to the canal for years. Village staff participated in focus groups in the entire southwest suburban region with a cultural attraction. They also attended a workshop sponsored by the Northern Illinois Planning Commission, "Paint the Town", for the purpose of determining planning goals for the next 10 years. A unanimous goal expressed by the regional towns and organizations that participated was to develop the land along the Cal Sag Channel for recreational, cultural and educational use.

The Village council is excited about enhancing the area along the canal and providing cultural and educational opportunities for local residents as well as people who live beyond Palos Park's borders.

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News from State Senator Louis S. Viverito

Illinois supports families of fallen soldiers. Honoring those military personnel who have made the "ultimate sacrifice," Assistant State Senate Majority Leader Viverito (D-Burbank) and Speaker of the House Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) have advanced legislation granting families of Illinois soldiers killed during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom a death benefit of \$264,500. The bill passed both the Senate and the House with unanimous support.

The next of kin of soldiers serving in the United States Armed Forces currently receive a Death Gratuity of \$12,000, an increase of \$6,000 benefit, before the "Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003" was signed in November.

"Over 40 soldiers from Illinois have given their lives in combat, protecting our

nation," said Viverito a Korean War Veteran.

The state of Illinois is already providing death benefits for civil defense, civil air patrol, chaplains, law enforcement officers, paramedics and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The new law adds US Armed Forces members, Illinois National Guard members and Reservists to the list of those eligible for benefits under the Line of Duty Compensation Act.

Upon the Governor's signature of Senate Bill 1668, Illinois will be the first state to provide additional death benefits for military personnel. The extended benefits will be available to the immediate family or dependents of US military personnel killed between January 1, 2003 and the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Viverito said "through this act, we are doing all we can to acknowledge the family's loss, while providing support for the future and I cannot imagine the loss a family experiences when losing a loved one." "I am hopeful other states will follow Illinois' lead and provide for the families of fallen soldiers."

Nicor Gas Encourages Seniors and Disabled to Sign up Early for LIHEAP

Nicor Gas urges Senior Citizens and the disabled to know about an early enrollment period for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). During the special enrollment period of September 1 through October 31, senior citizens (60 years plus) and persons with disabilities can apply for LIHEAP assistance before general enrollment opens to the public on November 1.

LIHEAP is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and state of Illinois. The program is administered by the Illinois Department of Public Aid and assists eligible low-income households pay their energy bills. Assistance is presented to qualifying applicants in one annual payment. Income, household size, fuel type and geographic location determine the amount of assistance. To qualify, household monthly income cannot exceed 150

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Nicor Gas encourages those in need to seek assistance, since experts are anticipating a climate of continued volatile energy costs. Most people who need assistance don't know about LIHEAP and that's why Nicor's helping spread the word about the program and encouraging customers to seek it out.

Customers who do not qualify for federal assistance can apply for the Nicor Gas Sharing Program, which provides households one time annual grants and administered through the Salvation Army. For a list of Salvation Army offices and other information, visit the Nicor Gas web site and click on "financial assistance"

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Governor Blagojevich enacts sex offender legislation

The Governor signs Collins bill protecting Illinois children from sex offenders. Children in Illinois will be better protected from child sex offenders thanks to legislation and signed into law.

The new law creates the offense of Child Photography by a Sex Offender, making it illegal for a child sex offender to own or operate a business that photographs, videotapes or takes a digital image of a child or directs others to do so. Persons convicted of the offense would face a Class 2 felony punishable by 3-7 years in prison, and a \$25,000 fine.

"Currently, child sex offenders are restricted from being in places where children are present like schools and public parks and from approaching children", said Collins. "It is vital that we do everything we can to protect Illinois' children from sex offenders, and this law will add another restriction to protect our children."

Also, the Tourism Attraction Grant Program will be funded at \$1.9 million; the Tourism Marketing Partnership program will have \$1.75 million available to assist entities in marketing their tourism destinations, attractions and events; The Tourism Private Sector Grant Program will be funded \$600,000 to help attract major new events to Illinois.

The restored budget will allow the Bureau to continue staffing 14 Tourist information Centers located at key entry points in the state and to produce major tourism publications.

The Illinois Bureau of Tourism's budget for FY 05 was fully restored to the FY04 level of \$47 million by the General Assembly and the Governor. The budget provides \$12.6 million in grants from the Local Tourism Fund to fund 40 convention and visitors bureaus located throughout the state.

An additional \$12.6 million is allocated for the statewide domestic advertising campaign and \$2.7 million for an international advertising program.

New IRS Office Ribbon Cutting

The Mayor and local from Chicago Ridge and the Internal Revenue Service will gather on Tuesday, September 7, at 10 a.m. for ribbon cutting ceremonies and an open house for the new IRS offices located at 5860 West 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, Illinois.

The new office will provide services throughout the southwest suburban communities to area residents.

An open house and tour will follow the ribbon cutting.

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Aglow International Fun In the Park Picnic Set for September 18th

Oak Lawn Lighthouse of Aglow International has scheduled Saturday, September 18 from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. for their Fun in the Park Picnic at Wolfe Wildlife Center, 109th & Laramie in Oak Lawn.

Music will be provided by New Creations Band with Praise Dancing by Jewel Robinson. Kids can learn to hip hop dance. Other activities include face painting, bingo, drawings, prizes, good food will be available.

To assist Aglow International continue its work, attendees can participate in a free will offering. Aglow International is a non-denominational Christian Women's group dedicated to helping women grow in their faith. For more information, call Gladys at (773) 582-1517 or Linda at (708) 425-6957.

Palos Park Voter Registration Closes October 5th

Voter registration for the November 2, 2004 General Election will close on October 5, 2004. Two forms of identification are required to register to vote. Residents who will be 18 years old on or before Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, may register to vote before the October 5th deadline.

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Advocate Christ Medical Center announces September programs

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noted) and refer to code number listed. Please note that some support groups have changed their date, time and/or location to provide more convenient meeting facilities. Diabetes Basic Survival Skills Workshop - A free workshop will be offered the first Tuesday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to noon and the second Tuesday of the month from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Diabetes/Endocrine Center located at the

Advocate Christ Family Practice Center, 4140 W. Southwest Highway, Homewood. Individuals will learn what diabetes is, who gets it, and what you can do to keep it under control. Registration is required no later than the Friday before the session begins.

Lithuanian Mothers' Club
A free forum for mothers to come together to discuss

parenting issues, childcare and health issues will be held the first Thursday of the month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Advocate Christ Family Practice Center, 4140 W. Southwest Highway, Homewood.

Post-Polio Support Group
- A support group for polio survivors, their families, and friends to explore and discuss issues regarding polio and post polio syndrome will meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Southwest Community Services, 6775 Prosperi Drive, Tinley Park. Meetings are free and family members and friends are welcome.

Prostate Cancer Support Group - A free support and education group for men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer, and their families and friends, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the medical center's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. No registration required.

Surgeon Uses Lasers to Help Patients Stay Competitive in Job Market

Staying competitive in today's fast paced job market is indeed a challenge. One-way Dr. Sundar is meeting this challenge is by offering his patients a variety of laser procedures that rejuvenate their appearance.

Dr. K. Sundar is the owner of Roja Cosmetic and Medical Spa, a cosmetic surgical practice, located in Orland Park, Illinois. The practice specializes in laser treatments and surgery to rejuvenate the appearance. Treatments may consist of consultation, facials, minor surgical procedures and laser treatments. To accommodate the patient's active schedule, this busy office uses flexible scheduling in order to offer patients evening appointments, as well as every other Saturday. This access is a great benefit to patients.

Dr. K. Sundar uses lasers as part of his practice in response to patient demand for the removal of spider veins of the face and legs, brown spots, vascular lesions, wrinkle smoothing, baggy eyelids and face lifts. According to Dr. Sundar, "Patients are coming in to me requesting cosmetic procedures. I want to offer them the most advanced accurate treatment available. Laserscope's Pulsar laser with ParaScan for wrinkle smoothing and the Aura laser with Star Pulse using the Smart Scan for vascular and pigmented lesion treatment allow me to give my patients the results they want."

"I was looking for something to remove spider veins," says Virginia (a patient), "I had spider veins on my cheeks that were extensive enough that I had to wear makeup. I had heard that la-

sers could remove them. I was referred to Dr. Sundar who has an Aura laser to remove spider veins and brown spots. The experience was relaxing, comfortable, and best of all, my spider veins are gone!"

Many people want to remain competitive in today's job market. The ability to look refreshed, by eliminating baggy eye lids that give a tired look or smoothing out wrinkles gives the job seekers the strength of their resume as well as a refreshed appearance, often the advantage the need.

One patient said she landed a big promotion at work after having laser treatment. "I looked tired all the time and 10 years older than I am. I have a lot going for me intellectually and mentally, but I felt as though I looked worn out."

Today's job market is very intense, very competitive. I had set career goals for myself and had prepared myself educationally to achieve those goals, why not prepare myself physically for a task that would be demanding and rewarding?"

Dr. Sundar added, "To stay competitive, many people are looking for an advantage. By having lasers as part of the practice, I am able to offer

them treatments to help them feel better about themselves. I think it's the mental advantage of 'I look good, feel prettier or more handsome' that keeps them feeling competitive."

These and other services are offered at Roja Cosmetic & Medical Spa, located at 14404 S. John Humphrey Drive, Orland Park, Illinois. For more information, telephone (708) 349-3535, or you can access their website at www.rojamedicalspa.com.

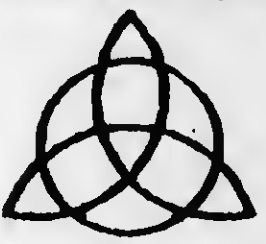
Illinois Hospitals Now Voluntarily Reporting Quality of Care Data

Illinois Foundation for quality Health Care announces 149 hospitals in Illinois have taken their first step toward a commitment to improve quality of care by voluntarily reorganizing to submit quality information.

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*My Psychic Observations & Insights:
Celebrity Weight Loss Claims*

The following came in from readers about celebrities who claim to have lost weight following this plan or another: Sheryl P. says, "Oprah should be ashamed to claim that she loses weight using a special diet when she has had liposuction to take pounds and pounds out of her body; and she has special personal trainers and a cook to make her meals. And most of all she has millions and millions of dollars to see herself through all of the time and expense. She is not like the rest of us." Sue says, "Suzanne Sommers really gets to me with her thigh and other so called 'masters' she sells. She has doctors to have her fat sucked out of her and later tells us all to follow her diet plan." Jackie W. says, "I am so sick of reading about celebrities who claim to have little will-power but who lose weight eating this way or that way. They make a lot of money feeding a lot of "bull" to their fans. My cow died so I don't need their bull!" I say, try our method of Hypnosis to lose weight...dis the pills and diets. Shhh... and Take Your Life Back too.

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H.M.S. Bounty Offers Hands-On Educational Experience

Navy Pier, Chicago's top visited attraction, invites guests to experience hands-on learning aboard the only wooden square-rigger in North America still sailing. The *H. M. S. Bounty* will dock at Navy Pier for a special one-month long event focused on educating guests of its significance to maritime heritage, the infamous mutiny that took place aboard its decks, and its dedication to teaching history and the lost skills of square-rigged sailing.

Beginning September 7-26, guests of all ages will be invited to participate in a spectacular, educationally oriented event involving tours and stories regarding the *H. M. S. Bounty*.

The month-long event features one of the most widely recognized tall ships in the world. The *H. M. S. Bounty*, which will be docked along the Southwest Wall at Navy Pier, was built in 1960 as a replica of the original 18th century ship. Guests will have the opportunity to walk the decks of a genuine Tall Ship and get a look at life at sea in the 1700's.

Group tours will offer the opportunity to learn about the epic voyages of exploration and hear the fascinating story of Captain William Bligh and the most famous mutiny in maritime history.

Tall Ship Explorers

Additionally, Navy Pier and the IMAX Theatre have created a full sensory "Tall Ship Explorers" package that gives guests the opportunity to



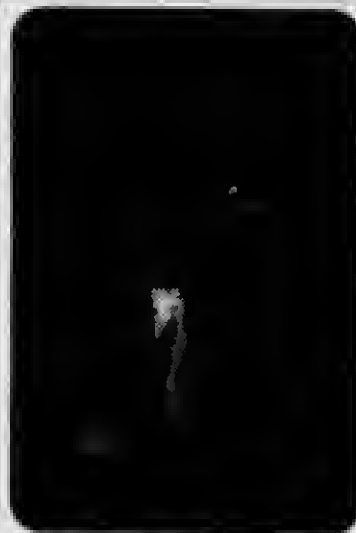
walk the decks of one of the most recognized tall ships in the world and view one of the greatest survival stories of all time. For \$10 per person (groups of 20 or more), guests can participate in a group tour on the *H. M. S. Bounty* and see "Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure", the great story of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew on the six-story-high screen.

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SCHOOL DAYS AND THE DIAPER BRIGADE

For all its joy and inspiration there is one draw back to being a day care provider.

I didn't realize that when I first opened a day care in my home I'd also be opening up a revolving door into my heart as my pre-school age pals would come but eventually go. For each new child I welcome with open arms, sooner or later I must face the tune of the school bells ringing.

This time around they signal the good bye of two girls who have practically grown up while in my care, and Binny have learned the building blocks of ABC's and 123's. They have learned how to play, share, compromise, and along the way they've become the best of friends. Soon they'll take their seat among their peers in a Kindergarten classroom since, at five years old, they're big girls now and proud of it!

It will be much too quiet here without their wild imaginations stirring up creative chaos while sharing time in the playroom.

They have taught me well about patience and what really matters when taking care of young children. Keeping the playroom spotless is not a priority, but fun and laughter is.

Long ago a young girl named Lauren taught me the most valuable lesson so far.

My home became her



home away from home until she too, joined the ranks of big girl status, another one lost to the inevitable clutches of Kindergarten.

When she graduated from Kindergarten I was invited to the ceremony to witness the milestone in her school life.

Flipping through the special event's pamphlet, which listed the graduating class, I came to the page that listed what each child wanted to be when he/she grew up.

Next to Lauren's name was the revealing statement, "I want to be a babysitter."

Wow! what a revelation to me! Knowing you can make a difference in the life of a child is a reward that keeps giving long after they move on.

Days and weeks go by, months turn into years, and before I have a chance to ponder life without them they are already on their way to a new adventure. My heart hangs heavy with having to say good bye to these sweet, adorable, day care darlings, Binny and Alexis.

But, my sadness is soon lifted by the squeaky voice of two year old Katie who enthusiastically shouts, for no apparent reason, "KACKY, I WUV YOU!!!"

Those are the words that bring me back to the reason I delight in dealing with the diaper brigade.

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Community Announcements

Evergreen Park Youth Commission Plans Trip to Great America

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission has scheduled a trip to Great America before it closes for the summer. Bus leaves on Saturday, September 11 from the Community Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Cost is \$40.00. Call (708) 229-3377 for more information.

Youth/Adult Partnership Program

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission is forming a "Youth/Adult Partnership" Program. They are seeking youths who are interested in having a voice in community decisions and looking to improve the quality of life in Evergreen Park. For more information call (708) 229-3377.

Employment Fair

Illinois Department of Employment & Security in Harvey, Illinois and United Healthcare will be sponsoring an "Employment Fair" on Wednesday, September 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the IDES office located at 14829 S. Dixie Highway in Harvey.

The sponsors have suggested that attendees come in business attire and bring resumes. For further information, you may call (708) 596-2325.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees to Meet

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Southwest Chicago Metro Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Oak Lawn Municipal Building at 9446 S. Raymond Avenue (5300 West).

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership.

Members receive the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community.

For more information, come to the meeting or call John at (708) 458-4990.

Career/Resource Fair

The 22nd District and United Healthcare will be sponsoring a Career/Resource Fair on Thursday, September 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1900 West Monterey, Chicago, Illinois.

Organizers suggest that participants bring lots of resumes and dress for success. For more information, please contact (312) 747-6381.

United Methodist Church of Worth Sets Fall Spaghetti Dinner

The United Methodist Church of Worth, 7100 W. 112th Street in Worth, Illinois, will hold their Fall Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, September 25, 2004 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Menu includes Spaghetti, Italian bread, salad, homemade desserts and beverages. Adult tickets, \$6.00, children 5 - 10 \$4.00 and under 5 free. Take-outs are also available. For information, call the church office at (708) 448-6682.

Speaker Night at St. Fabian Phoenix Group

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group is hosting their speaker night on Thursday, September 9. Michael Azzaline will speak on "Coping with Stress". Doors open at 7 p.m. and meeting starts at 8 p.m. Meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center 7450 W. 83rd St. in Bridgeview, Illinois. Call Tom and Marianne at (708) 499-5377 for more info.

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Fall / Winter Children's Clothing Resale

The Southwest Chicago Christian Schools will hold its annual Fall/Winter Children's Clothing Resale on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 am - 12 noon in the Oak Lawn gym at 5665 W. 101st St. Toys and baby equipment

will be sold along with gently used children's clothing.

Interested sellers may register on Thurs. Sept 9 from 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the OakLawn campus or at the Tinley Park Campus, 17171 S. 84th Ave. from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Registration fee is \$3.00.

After Sept 9th, contact the school to register at (708) 636-8550.

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The fresh seafood, three market fresh fish prepared in three different presentations is alone worth the time to dine at the famous eatery. Or, roast breast and stuffed leg of Scottish partridge or boneless loin of lamb wrapped in a cumin garlic sausage paired with roast rack and leg of lamb and natural juices. As for dessert, please leave room for show stoppers like strawberry rhubarb pot pie with buttermilk ice cream or curry-scented coconut rice pudding with warm papaya salad and roasted Macadamia nut ice cream.

LeFrancais is located at 269 S. Milwaukee in Wheeling. Lunch is a la carte with appetizers ranging from

Disney on Ice Pulls Out All The Stops

Mickey, Minnie, Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket, Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Mulan, Timon, Pumba and a host of Disney friends, including all the beloved princesses, are on their way to Chicago for the opening of *Disney on Ice* celebrating *Walt Disney's 100 Years of Magic*. Tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime skating spectacular scheduled to appear September 23 - 26 at the allstate Arena in Rosemont, Illinois, and September 29 - October 3 at Chicago's United Center, are now on sale.

A multi-generational celebration in grand Disney tradition, *Walt Disney's 100 Years of Magic* features the largest cast of Disney stars ever assembled for a Disney on Ice Production, a sing-along score of Academy Award winning music, cutting-edge choreography, and

elaborate, eye-dazzling sets and costumes. Disney's captivating character and unforgettable stories - from the classic *Pinocchio* to recent favorites *Lion King*, *Mulan* and *Toy Story*, make this commemorative salute to the legacy of Walt Disney a whirlwind tour of magical memories for the entire family.

That mouse that started it all - Mickey - and his pal, Jiminy Cricket, host the extravagant celebration full of breathtaking pair skating, moving solos and tremendous production numbers by Emmy Award-winning Choreographer Sara Kawahara, who has worked with Michelle Kwan and choreographed the skating segment in the Opening Ceremonies at the 2002 Olympics.

Broadway scenic designer David Potts creates the taste of theatre on ice to showcase Disney's most extraordinary moments, from animated features to the theme parks, and even Goofy's comic "Salute to Sports." Skaters bring "It's a Small World" to life in sparkling floats that turn into a radiant light parade; a blanket of snow and an avalanche fall as Mulan battles the Huns; and wooden toys are alive in Geppetto's workshop, thanks to a flowing blue fairy.

Tickets for *Disney on Ice* celebrates *Walt Disney's 100 Years of Magic* are available at the Allstate Arena Box Office, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL all Ticketmaster locations, and on www.ticketmaster.com or to order tickets by phone, call (312) 559-1212.



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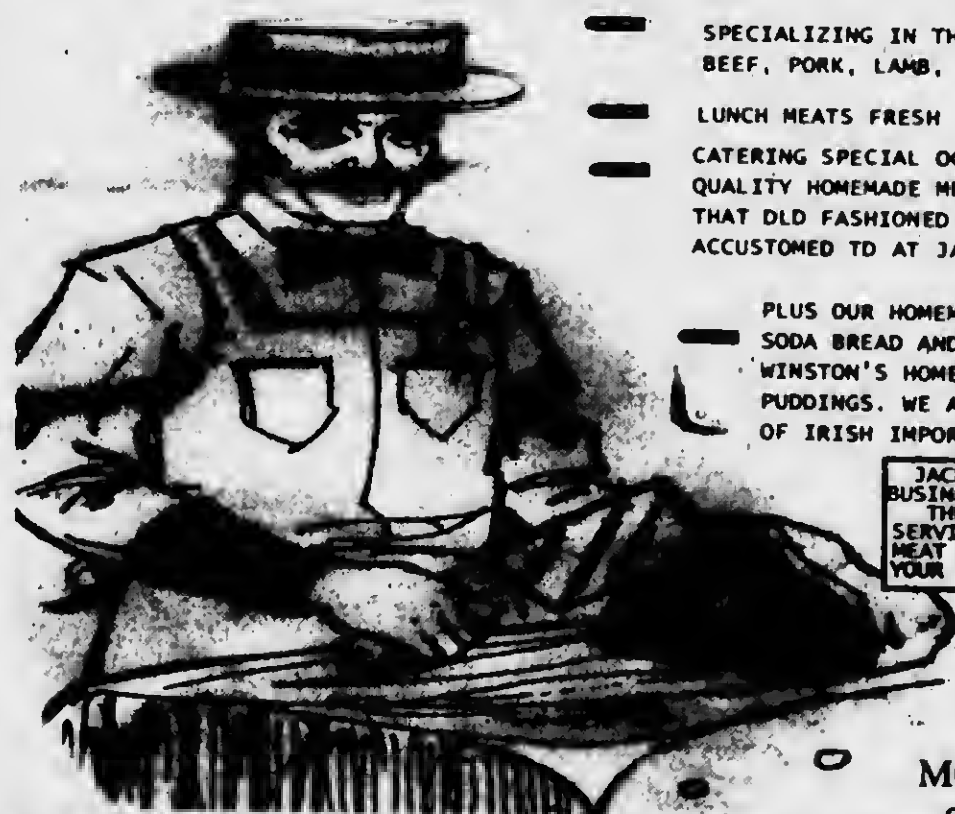
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This juried show is open to artists who live or have a studio within 00 miles of downtown Chicago. Eligible are 2-dimensional works (oils, watercolors, photographs, prints, etc.) and sculpture, including fiber, wood and ceramic.

The jurors are Michelle Grabner, artist and writer, and Jane Stevens, Assistant Administrator/Curator/Registrar, Illinois State Art Gallery. Previous jurors have included such notable artists and curators as Don Baum, Whitney Bradshaw, Dr. Margaret Taylor Burroughs, Dr.

Margaret F. Farr, Gregory Knight, Mati Maldre and Hamza Walker.

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Artists will be notified by October 23rd. Slides of non-accepted work will be returned if a SASE has been provided by the artists. Slides of accepted works will be retained by the Beverly Arts Center.

Finalist works will be on exhibit November 19th to January 8th, 2005. Visit or phone the Beverly Arts Center, 773-445-3838, to request an application.

Oak Lawn Lutheran Church Fall Rummage Sale

You know Fall has arrived when Oak Lawn's Trinity Lutheran Church announces the dates of its Fall Rummage Sale. This year the Sale will be held Tuesday, September 21st from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bag Day will be Thursday, September 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Everything that can be stuffed in a brown grocery bag can be purchased for \$2.00.

Bargains available include clothing for all ages, household goods, jewelry, books, toys, furniture, and much, much more. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 9701 South Brandt Avenue (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) in Oak Lawn.

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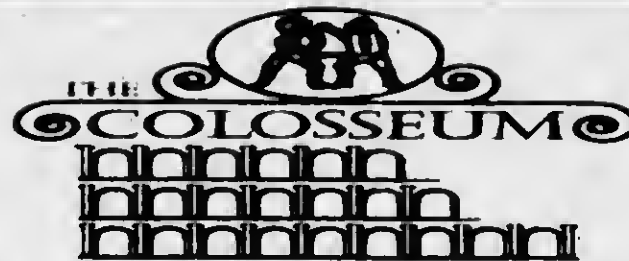
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Never-before-seen footage of 1970's famous locomotive jam session, the unparalleled trans-Canadian train car musical tour known as "Festival Express," is showing on the big screen at the Beverly Arts Center! The Express's featured cargo is a dazzling array of some of the world's top rock acts in their musical heyday! Witness shockingly intimate coverage of The Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, The Band, Buddy Guy, Flying Burrito Brothers and various other musical greats (including intimate railroad car jam sessions as well as recorded concerts), and experience what Jerry

Garcia called "the best time I ever had in rock 'n roll." Canadian film director Bob Smeaton ("Beatles Anthology", "The UB40

Story of Reggae," "Elton John-Goodbye Yellow Brick Road") unearths spectacular footage of some of rock's arguably greatest sounds and sights, capturing partying, substance-fueled artists and outraged, rioting fans to capture the spirit of an age in this 90-minute documentary. If Woodstock was for the fans, Festival Express was for the artists, and you're privy to their intimate jam sessions, raucous revelry, and what has been called Janis Joplin's greatest performance before her death just two months later. Stick around afterwards for a special performance given by acclaimed bluegrass-rock-fusion local band Leadfoot! The Beverly natives will pay tribute to Festival Express, covering The Grateful Dead and many other artists featured in the film. Beer and other refreshments will be available. Don't miss this chance to see what the Chicago Tribune's Michael Wilmington called, "a treasure trove of music and a wildly entertaining chronicle of a vanished time," and then re-experience it all live with Leadfoot! Call Beverly Arts Center at 773/445-3838 or visit the web at www.beverlyartscenter.org/ for more information.

Swing'n Sugar Square Dance Club fall schedule

Rick Allison, the Silver Fox, one of the most outstanding square dance callers in the whole Chicagoland area, will teach you to square dance! Come on over Tuesday, September 14 and see for yourself how much fun square dancing is! Rick has been the Club Caller for Swing'n Squares for the club's twenty-two years and has taught hundreds, maybe even thousands, to square dance at clubs throughout Chicago.

Square dancing is the State dance of Illinois. Couples and singles are welcome. This year's dance classes will be on Tuesday



Photo: Rick Allison "Silver Fox", Square Dance Caller

evenings and will begin on Tuesday, September 14, from 7:30-9:30pm. The first two classes are free and will be at Evergreen Park Central Junior High School, 95th & Spaulding, Evergreen Park.

If you danced before and need to "brush up" this would be a good time. Call Mary for information at 708-424-9775.

Diva Diaries To Make Midwest Premiere

The bold and inherently theatrical musical **DIVA DIARIES** will make its Midwest premiere at Chicago's Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway, for a limited engagement beginning Wednesday, September

22, 2004 through Sunday, January 2, 2005. **Group and individual tickets are already on sale.**

Described as a cross between "The Birdcage" and "A Chorus Line," **DIVA DIARIES** is a hilarious and entertaining insider's look at the world of drag. According to the musical's conceiver and director, Andrew Kato, "the show's success stems from its honest yet humorous portrayal of three drag queens who deal with universal issues such as faded beauty, long-term friendship and coping with life when it deals a blow. It's both extremely funny and poignant at the same time."

DIVA DIARIES combines hits of the '70s, '80s and '90s with an electrifying new score by award-winning composer John Mercurio. Joining Mr.

Kato and Mr. Mercurio as Co-Author of the book is Jem Jender, one of New York's premiere drag queens.

DIVA DIARIES will feature a cast of well-known Chicago actors including: **Alexandra Billings** (Damsel), **Honey West** (Cleareen), **Berwick Haynes** (Ranee), **Jay L. Johnson** (Young Damsel), **Paul Tomak** (Young Cleareen) and **Ty Perry** (Young Ranee).

DIVA DIARIES tells the story of three dynamic drag queens, Damsel, Cleareen and Ranee, all on the verge of nervous breakdowns as they prepare for their final night at the club Pandora's Box, where they have performed for the past three decades. The "ladies" reminisce about their pasts and ponder their futures as se-

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quined and feathered senior drag-queen veterans. What follows is a musical journey, including flashbacks to younger versions of each of the drag queens in their early years. At times sentimental and touching, **DIVA DIARIES** also captures the raucous fun of a drag show, full of eye-popping production numbers. Audiences of all ages embrace the powerful life-affirming qualities **DIVA DIARIES** presents.

DIVA DIARIES comes to Chicago following a successful mini-tour last summer.

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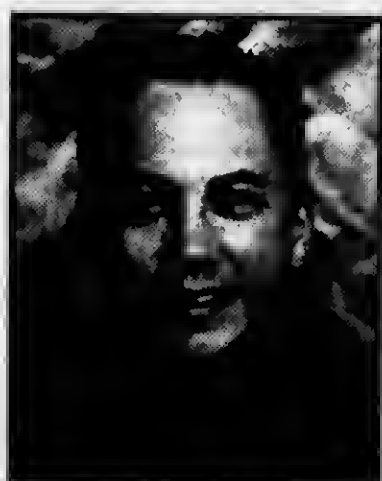
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Environment is top concern of Orland

Every village board tries its best to improve life in their hometown. The Trustees of Orland Park are certainly no exception, as their meeting on August 16, 2004 showed. What was remarkable about that meeting is how it demonstrated the extraordinary commitment of the Orland board to improving the natural environment of Orland Park.

As they considered proposal after proposal by area businesses to build or expand facilities in the village, the board repeatedly tacked on amendments requiring the businesses to plant additional trees, control erosion and light pollution, and locate waste disposal facilities away from heavily trafficked areas. "The Mayor and the Village Board has long endorsed improving the village's environment," Village Manager Bob Sullivan explained, "through aggressive landscape ordinances and an annually funded tree planting program.

Naturally, businesses do not always appreciate the additional expenses mandated by the village in this matter. One of the businesses whose request was dealt with at the August 16 meeting was Orland Bowl, a business with a tradition more than 25 years long of serving the people of Orland Park. The Orland Bowl has requested approval to build an outdoor dining area and two outdoor sand volleyball courts. Dennis Halleran, an owner of

Orland Bowl, explained that, "We're big on trees and such, and are planting a lot." However, there was a difference of opinion with the village as to how much was required. "We disagreed with some of the specific requests that they made," Halleran continued, "but that's within the village's parameter and we are willing to work with them on that." Sullivan understood that businesses were often reluctant to spend the extra money, but said he regarded it as a "long-term investment." When businesses spend the initial money to improve the environment around their locations, "everyone's property values are raised, and the quality of life in the village is improved. That's why we think it's worth the initial cost."

Other than the Orland Bowl, some other businesses whose proposals were discussed were National City Bank, Nagel's Auto Clinic, and Lowe's of Orland Park. Also at the meeting, Mayor McLaughlin announced that he will proclaim the 16th of August to be Jef Rietsma Day in Orland Park. Thomas R. Mahoney was appointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Open Lands Golf Outing

The annual Open Lands of Orland Park Golf Outing will be held on September 21 at Silver Lakes Country Club. For information, call (708) 403-6145.

Autumn Fine Arts Festival slated September 12

Tinley Park's second annual Autumn Fine Arts Festival will be held on Sunday, September 12 in the historic downtown district at 173rd Place and Oak Park Avenue. Activities and performances are scheduled from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. the day will begin with a parade starting at Central Middle School, 181st Street and Oak Park Avenue, and ending at the Festival.

Activities include:

Benches on the Avenue: The business community and Tinley Park officials believe the Village is a family-friendly place to visit. Twenty-five handmade wooden benches, enhanced with the work of local artists, have been placed along Oak

Park Avenue for visitors; enjoyment.

Professional Art: Watercolors, pastels, oils, mosaics, stained glass, jewelry, pottery and sculpture will be exhibited and available for purchase.

Professional Musicians: They will be performing throughout the day.

Child-friendly Attractions: Face painters, balloon sculptors, caricature artists, story telling, origami and a magician will be featured.

Wine and Beer Tasting: Local wine and beer sellers will provide tasting and sampling. **Specialty Foods, Snacks and Desserts:** Seven local restaurants and vendors will offer their specialties.

Tinley's Brookside Marketplace to break ground soon

Tinley Park officials are looking forward to the groundbreaking for Brookside Marketplace, a major new shopping center planned for the Village.

"Brookside Marketplace is certain to become one of our Village's most popular attractions, and we are anxious to work with the developer to create a center that residents and visitors alike will enjoy and be proud of," said Mayor Ed Zabrocki.

The center, which will include a Super Target, is expected to be open in October 2005.

This development has the potential to be the largest retail area in town," he said.

"As such, the impact it has on our tax base will be an enormous benefit to our residents.

Super Target will offer its regular line of merchandise along with a full-service grocery store and pharmacy. Brookside Marketplace will also feature another large anchor store, 14 smaller stores, up to three full-service restaurants, two fast-food restaurants and a bank.

To accommodate traffic, Will County will widen 191st Street from two to four lanes between Harlem and 80th Ave. Turn lanes will be added to the shopping center location.

Orland Park Chamber to host Community Expo

The 15th Annual Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce Community Expo has been slated for Saturday, September 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Century High School, 10801 W. 159th Street, Orland Park.

The event is open to the public and in a few short hours, community members will discover the multitude of products and services available in the Orland Park area while participating in new learning initiatives presented by teachers and students in

Orland School District 135.

Activities include Curriculum Booths from Orland School District 135, Health Fair from Advocate Hope Children's Hospital; Speech & Hearing Screening from Sertoma; Auto Show, District 135 musical performances, Orland Fire Protection District Safety House, Radio Disney, Dino Jump, Balloon clown, State Farm Bear Mascot, Willy the Wildcat, CJH Mascot, plus face painting.

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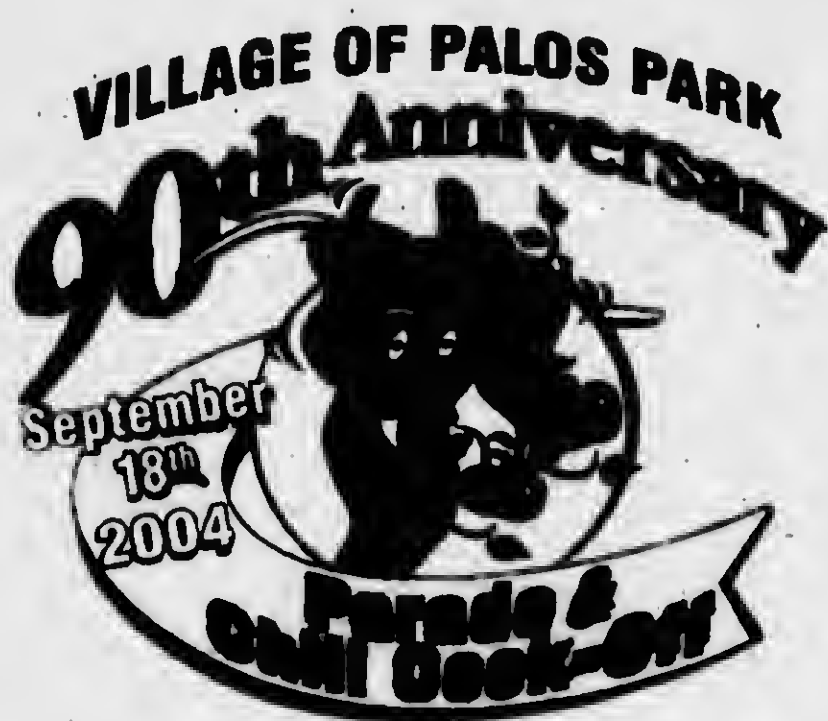
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Palos Park Celebrates 90th Anniversary



The Village of Palos Park has announced festivities to mark the milestone of the Village's Ninetieth Anniversary on September 18th, will include exciting family events.

Scheduled to step off at 11 a.m., the Ninetieth Anniversary Parade will travel down McCarthy Road and continue to the Village Green. Following the parade, a nationally sanctioned Chili Cook-Off will commence at the Village Green. Participants include national contestants, local

residents and community groups who will compete to see who cooks up the best chili. Prizes include a First Prize of \$500, Second Prize \$250, Third Prize \$100.

Children will be entertained with a petting zoo, presented by the Children's Farm, Jim Nesse's Reptiles, Story Hour by the Palos Park Library, clowns, magicians, face painting and an inflatable slide, dunk tank and bounce pit. Live music will be provided from John's Interstate Sound Band, a D. J.,

beer, hard lemonade and food will be available. To participate in the parade or Chili Cook-Off, contact the Village Recreation Department at (708) 671-3760. For more information or to volunteer to help at the event, please call (708) 671-3700 or visit www.palospark.org

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Community Center and the McCord House. Sponsors include Standard Bank & Trust Co., and Groen Waste Services.

Moraine Valley Receives Grant

Moraine Valley Community College has received a \$55,000 Community Literacy program grant to continue funding in-district Literacy programs. Moraine Valley maintains 21 different sites throughout the college's district where tutors and students can meet on days, evenings and weekends.

Chicago Ridge Introduces a National Childhood Injury Prevention Program

Despite the attention commanded by kidnapping, drugs, and other threats to young children, it is actually a handful of simple, preventable injuries that are the number-one health risk for children ages 14 and under. Yet according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), parents and caregivers too often view these hazards as inevitable consequences of growing up.

In an effort to reduce those risks in Chicago Ridge, teachers at Ridge Lawn School and Finley Junior High School will soon introduce lessons from NFPA's Risk Watch Program, a comprehensive injury prevention program designed for use in the classroom. The program gives children and their families the information and support they need to make positive-health-promoting choices about their personal safety and well-being.

Risk Watch targets the eight leading causes of injury for children: motor vehicle crashes, fires and burns; choking, suffocation, and

strangulation; poisoning; falls; unintentional firearms incidents; bike and pedestrian hazards; and water hazards. The curriculum divided into five learning level modules (preschool through grade eight), is designed to involve children as active participants, not just as listeners.

"We believe that Risk Watch will communicate good, basic safety information in a way that is interesting to children and their families," says Jeff Babcock, Chicago Ridge Fire Marshal and

Coalition Coordinator, "and the program will certainly benefit from our committed coalition of safety experts and educators who have been working together to introduce risk watch in Chicago Ridge."

Members of the local Risk Watch coalition include: (Wendy Connolly; Principal Ridge Lawn School, Fran Fuerst; Head Teach Ridge Lawn School, Paul Kripopaities; Health Teacher Finley Junior High, Jim Jarolimek; Juvenile Officer

Chicago Ridge Police Department and Jeff Babcock, fire Marshal Chicago Ridge Fire Department.

"We are safeguarding the future when we work together to prevent unintentional childhood injury," says Jeff Babcock. "Our goal is to establish Risk Watch as the benchmark for safety education in Chicago Ridge so that our children and families can make wiser choices and prevent needless tragedies."

Risk Watch was developed under the direction of NFPA with co-funding from the Home Safety Council and technical support from a coalition of North American's most authoritative injury professionals. Pictured below are participants, teacher and Fire Department volunteers.



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H.M.S. Bounty Offers Hands-On Educational Experience

Navy Pier, Chicago's top visited attraction, invites guests to experience hands-on learning aboard the only wooden square-rigger in North America still sailing. The *H. M. S. Bounty* will dock at Navy Pier for a special one-month long event focused on educating guests of its significance to maritime heritage, the infamous mutiny that took place aboard its decks, and its dedication to teaching history and the lost skills of square-rigged sailing.

Beginning September 7-26, guests of all ages will be invited to participate in a spectacular, educationally oriented event involving tours and stories regarding the *H. M. S. Bounty*.

The month-long event features one of the most widely recognized tall ships in the world. The *H. M. S. Bounty*, which will be docked along the Southwest Wall at Navy Pier, was built in 1960 as a replica of the original 18th century ship. Guests will have the opportunity to walk the decks of a genuine Tall Ship and get a look at life at sea in the 1700's.

Group tours will offer the opportunity to learn about the epic voyages of exploration and hear the fascinating story of Captain William Bligh and the most famous mutiny in maritime history.

Tall Ship Explorers

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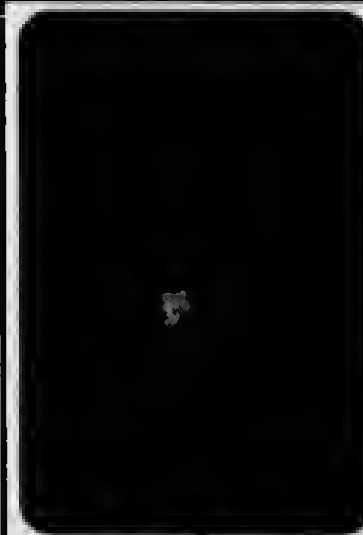
walk the decks of one of the most recognized tall ships in the world and view one of the greatest survival stories of all time. For \$10 per person (groups of 20 or more), guests can participate in a group tour on the *H. M. S. Bounty* and see "Schackleton's Antarctic Adventure", the great story of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew on the six-story-high screen.

Narrated by Kevin Spacey, "Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure" tells the extraordinary account of Shackleton's ill-fated 1914-1916 British Imperial Trans-antarctic Expedition. While never accomplishing his goal of becom-

ing the first to cross the Antarctic continent, Shackleton and his men have become larger-than-life testaments to heroism and human endurance. See the incredible story of all 28 crewmembers surviving two years in the barren, frigid Antarctic when their ship the *Endurance* was caught in pack ice and eventually crushed.

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Oak Lawn approves Phase I Redevelopment of Expanded Triangle TIF District in Town Center

By Matt Mayer

The Sept 14, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting commenced with the board honoring special DEA Agent Sgt. Daniel Foley, who was the recipient of the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement during a reception in Washington DC. Police Chief Robert Smith reported that this was a case of smuggling coming in from a Canadian manufacturer down to the United States. This was an international case, which began in the fall of 2000. Foley was involved in following trailer loads of Sudafedamine, which is a crucial ingredient in met amphetamine. On April 15, 2003, Foley along with his fellow officers destroyed the ring. Smith said that very few people receive this award. Marie Child, a 30-year veteran crossing guard, was also honored for her dedicated service on the corner of 52nd Ave and Southwest Highway

near the Covington school.

The board approved an ordinance 5-1 Streit dissented, authorizing a redevelopment agreement between the Village of Oak Lawn and Morningside Midco Town Center, LLC, MMTC, INC and 95th and Cook LLC in regards to the development of a portion of the expanded Triangle TIF District. On January 27, 2004 the Village Board approved a pre-development agreement for the town center. Since that time, Mid-America has been negotiating to purchase the required real estate.

As a result of timing issues, most of the properties located on the west side of the target area may be acquired this fall. The remaining properties on the east side of the area cannot be acquired for 18 months. Mid-America Vice president Michael Nortman said the reason for the delay was due to the village's request that construction of the Train Station be completed first. The

town center development has been dividind into phase I and phase II.

The 95th Street properties which have been sold in phase I include Eckert's 5267; Gnapp 5261; Yang 5263; Tang 5265; Duffy's 5255-59; Veli 5253; Mancari building 5251; the Pillsbury property 5253-39 and the Cook School parcel. The boundaries of the train station development are between 51st and Tully Avenues, south of 95th Street.

Phase I of the project will be slightly less than five acres. This will be a mixed-use development, which will include approximately 10,000 square feet of retail space, 132 condominiums and 60 units of senior housing. The village will provide up to \$6,400,000 in assistance to offset the costs of land acquisition, demolition and utility relocation. Mid-America will provide \$3,000,000 towards the acquisition, demolition and utility relocation costs; this is a calculated amount, which includes the combined value of retail space, condominiums and senior housing.

The property located in the phase I area of the project will be cleared of structures as soon as each property is acquired - the village then will use this cleared area for commuter parking. Prior to the vote residents were allowed to speak. Trustee Bob

Streit stated, "It seems that every time we come to a meeting, we're addressing a TIF project. I'm toughly on record as opposing what I characterize as the dense urbanization of our community," Streit said.

"With the number of TIF's going on in the village, along with the changing of the TIF names, it is important that the residents have a full understanding of what the development plans for our community are", Streit said. "I request, at some point, that we schedule a public forum to allow us to see all the plans, not just the piece meal phases we keep seeing. I feel we have a right as residents of the community to truly understand what direction you are taking us here."

"I'm sure I'm not supportive of the direction we're heading and I am not so sure the people of the town even have a clear understanding of where we're headed. I think we owe it to the people" said Streit. Acting Village Mayor Ron Stancik responded that he whole hardly supported this suggestion.

Worth Township Committeeman and Cook County Tax Watch member, Maureen Murphy, also requested, pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, that the plans, documents or working papers related to all Tax Increment Finance district proposals on or along 95th St be made available at a community forum. The crowd's opposition to the changes in downtown Oak Lawn prompted long time resident, Karra Kestian's comment to the Village Board, "The heart of Oak Lawn is going to be in need of a bypass."

The village went on to approve an ordinance by a vote of 5-1, Streit dissented, authorizing the issuance for the purpose of financing general obligation bonds, which authorizes the village to issue and sell from time to time

prior to April 1, 2005 in one or more series, in an aggregate principle amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 and shall be designated "General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds" which includes an additional series designation.

The board approved a business development agreement 5-1, Streit dissented, for the proposed Mazda dealership at 95th and Oak Park Ave. This agreement has been structured in the same form as the existing vil-

lage agreement with the Saturn dealership. The seven-year agreement grants owner, Joseph Ghaben, a 50-50 sales tax revenue - sharing agreement with the village. The maximum amount of the rebate is capped at \$1,000,000.

Requests from St Gerald for their homecoming parade on Sept 26, and Oak Lawn High School for their homecoming parade on Oct 16, were approved. The next meeting is Sept 28.

Evergreen Park approves community event requests

By Matt Mayer

The board approved the following community event requests at the Sept 7, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting; A Homecoming Parade on Sunday, Sept 26, at Central Junior High School, a Homecoming Parade on Friday Sept 24, at Evergreen Park Community High School, the Northwest Boosters to serve beer and wine and the use of Yukich Field for the Fourth Annual Octoberfest on Oct 2, and an annual Rib Fest to be held at St Bernadette's School on Sept 18, which includes the blocking off of Francisco St from 93rd to 94th St.

The board approved the following business license requests: House of Peace Christion Education Center at 9500 S. Western Ave space K-12 at the Plaza; Apollo Medical Care, a medical office at 9760 S. Kedzie Ave, Suite 11; Physical Therapy Rehab Solutions, a facility for physical, occupational and speech therapy at 9760 S. Kedzie Ave Suite 10; Mc Coy Electric, Inc, an electrical contractor office at 3045 W. 87th St; Taylor and Malone Man-

agement, a management company office at 2400 W. 95th St, Suite 408; Dream Werks, A to Z Construction, a general construction office at 9250 S. Kedzie Ave, and Mc Donald's Corporation at 2620 W. 95th St due to new management.

The board approved an ordinance approving a lot coverage variation for the construction of a garage at 2918 W. 102nd St. A resolution authorizing the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which allows the village to pair with federal aid for various homeland security measures was approved as well as a proclamation to proclaim Aug 30 - Sept 3, as "School's Open Safety Week."

Evergreen Park to hold 4th Annual Octoberfest

On October 2, the event will be from noon to 10 p.m. at Yukich Fields, 89th and Kedzie. It is being co-sponsored by them Northwest Boosters and the United Home Owners Association.

From noon to 4:00 pm there will be hay rides, pony rides, and games for the children. At 4:00 pm, a chili cook-off and best salsa recipe judging will begin. Outsiders are open to sample the recipes. There will be music provided by DJ's throughout the afternoon, and in the evening Die Special Export, a German Band from Wisconsin, will play from 7-10

pm in the beer garden. German food including brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad and hotdogs will be served throughout the day.

Local PTA's will be there to sell mum plants, popcorn, and bales of hay. To get in the Halloween spirit, bring some old clothes to build a scarecrow. Enter a chance to win a girl's or boy's mountain bike compliments of Park Schwinn cyclery and the Northwest Boosters. Contact Gail Morales at 708-422-1551 for more information.



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Evergreen Park Historical Commission

The Evergreen Park Historical Commission will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at 7 p.m. in Room 110 of the Hamilton Maher Community Center.

Included on the Agenda for the meeting will be reports from the four standing committees.

Commission members and volunteers will hear from guest speakers Danny Kumingo, former Mayor of Worth and Christine Brooks, Curator of the Worth Historical Museum.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

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L to R: Tobias (David Darlow) and his sister-in-law, Claire (Deanna Dunagan), share a moment and drink in Remy Bumpo's production of Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "A Delicate Balance" (photo credit: Deone Jahnke)

Remy Bumpo Theatre Company opens 8th season with "A Delicate Balance"

By Marijo Doody

Pulitzer Prize playwright, Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance" opened at Chicago's Remy Bumpo Theatre Company for its 8th season. A twisted plot of alcoholism, disfunctionality, misplaced relationships and the entire goings on with an aging society were present.

Casting was superb. The stellar performances are rendered by Deanna Dunagan as Claire, the alcoholic sister, and David Darlow as Tobias, the husband of Agnes, played by Annabel Armour. "A Delicate Balance" action takes place in a living room of a large house in Westchester County in current times.

Agnes, Tobias and Claire coexist in their life-long struggle for equilibrium in their trio. When spoiled daughter, Julia (played by Linda Gillum) returns home after a forth failed marriage and long time friends Harry and Edna suddenly arrive seeking refuge, the balance the trio had is shattered. Needless to say, the limits of family and friendship are sorely tested. Joe Van Slyke

and Wendy Robie play Harry and Edna. Opening night had a few lines twisted and recouped. The actors were all excellent in their rolls. This Pulitzer Prize-winning play features a tour-de force cast.

The play "A Delicate Balance" runs through October 31, 2004 at the Victory Gardens Theater. Tickets are \$25. Performances run Wednesday through Sunday. Times are 8pm all evenings but Sunday and Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 4pm and 3pm. Tickets are now on sale at the box office at 773-871-3000. The Remy Bumpo Theatre is located upstairs at the Victory Gardens Theater, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., in Chicago. Parking is available in the Children's Memorial Hospital lot.

Durbin and Lipinski Outline Joint Strategy to Resolve Trade Inequities

U. S. Senator Dick Durbin, U.S. Representative Bill Lipinski and a new working group they helped create of Illinois manufacturers and labor organizations joined together on Friday, September 17, to push for policies that will help revive the U. S. manufacturing industry.

Durbin and Lipinski are focusing on ending Asian currency manipulation, which has contributed to the widespread, structural recession that has plagued the U.S. manufacturing sector for over four years. By either fixing the currency to the U.S. dollar, or buying massive amount of U.S. currency on the open market, Asian governments are purposely subsidizing their manufacturing sectors at the expense of U.S. manufacturers and workers. Estimates are various Asian countries' currencies are undervalued from 15-40%, and even higher.

Last week, a national coalition of manufacturing groups asked the Administration to sue China for keeping the value of its currency fixed against the dollar. The Administration immediately rejected the idea. Congressional action is still an option.

In the final weeks before Congress adjourns, Durbin and Lipinski plan to take steps to advance the legislation they have independently co-sponsored in the Senate and House to address Asian currency manipulation.

The issue is part of a larger effort to address the loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs and small businesses to trade inequities. The Illinois Business & Labor Coalition on Manufacturing and Trade Policy, working group formed in late 2003, amid serious public concern about the recession, in the U.S. industrial sector, and 42 months of consecutive job losses in manufacturing. Beginning in June 2000, U.S. manufacturing output fell 8 percent, and shed 3 million jobs in the manufacturing sector, one-sixth of the previous work force.

The City of Chicago and State of Illinois are particularly affected by manufacturing and trade issues because of an historic concentration of manufacturing production. Directly and indirectly, manufacturing is responsible for 2.3 million jobs in Illinois, or nearly one-third of total Illinois employment. Illinois has lost more than 160,000, or about 1 in 6, manufacturing jobs since 2000.

In order to maximize Illinois' competitiveness, labor and government must solve a wide range of issues, including issues where strong disagreement exists. While resolving some of those issues requires time, unfair competition from abroad is one issue that has united these groups immediately.

While statistics indicate that the level of manufacturing output has recently recovered to the June 2000 levels, and manufacturing jobs grew by over 100,000 from February to July of this year, serious concern exists within the community about the long-term sustainability of the U. S. industrial sector.

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World Renowned Chimpanzee Researcher to speak at St. Xavier University

Dr. Jane Goodall will culminate the 2004 Chimpanzee Conference being held September 22-25 at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago by speaking at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 25 in the Shannon Center on SXU's Chicago Campus 3700 W. 103rd Street, Chicago. Tickets are \$15-\$22 at TicketWeb.com and the lecture is open to the public.

Dr. Goodall is known for her landmark study of chimpanzees which she began in Tanzania in 1960 and which has redefined the relationship between humans and animals.

For more info call Iva-Marie Palmer 773-298-3325 or palmer@sxu.edu.

Hazard Waste Collection to be held.

You will have an opportunity to dispose of your hazardous waste products Saturday, Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection area will be the South Suburban Collage at 160th and State Street in South Holland. You must be in a vehicle and to save time, it may be a good idea to "car-pool". Please do not bring explosives, fireworks, smoke detectors, tires, business and school waste, latex paint and medical wastes. For further information please call 312-751-6633 or www.mwrd.org.

Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild to Hold 16th Biennial Exhibit

The members of the Beverly Hills Embroiderers' Guild have announced their 16th Biennial Needlework Exhibit on Saturday October 2 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, October 3 from 10 a.m.-p.m. at the Oakview Community Center, 4625 West 110th Street in Oak Lawn, Illinois, and admission is free. The Exhibit will feature an Art Nouveau Theme.

Founded in 1972, the guild was established under the guidance of Betty Keckley, a noted needle-arts instructor at the Beverly Arts Center. The purpose of the Guild is to share knowledge and to develop and improve members' stitching skills.

For more information about the Guild or the Exhibit, contact Dorothy E. Hebel (773) 779-3807.

CORRECTION

The Oak Lawn Cancer Closet needs sheets, pillowcases, towels, and mattress pads. They need to be clean. Call 499-0240 if you can help.

St. Michael's School welcomes new art teacher

St. Michael's School welcomes a new art teacher.

Mrs. Carlin Glennon will be teaching art to grades 1-8 at St. Michael's for 2004-2005. She has been subbing in the art program for the past few years and has had three children who graduated from St. Michael. Jim Muting, Principal, says she has a wealth of knowledge and creativity and will add much to their art program.

2nd Annual Pumpkins & Holly In-Home Craft Faire

The 2nd Annual Pumpkins & Holly In-Home Craft Faire will be held on Friday, October 1st from 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 2nd from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This Craft Show will have a Tea Room, where ladies may have delectable sweets, coffee and/or Beverages for a donation to local Girl Scout Troop. The location will be at 12542 Mackinac Road in Homer Glen. Admission is free.

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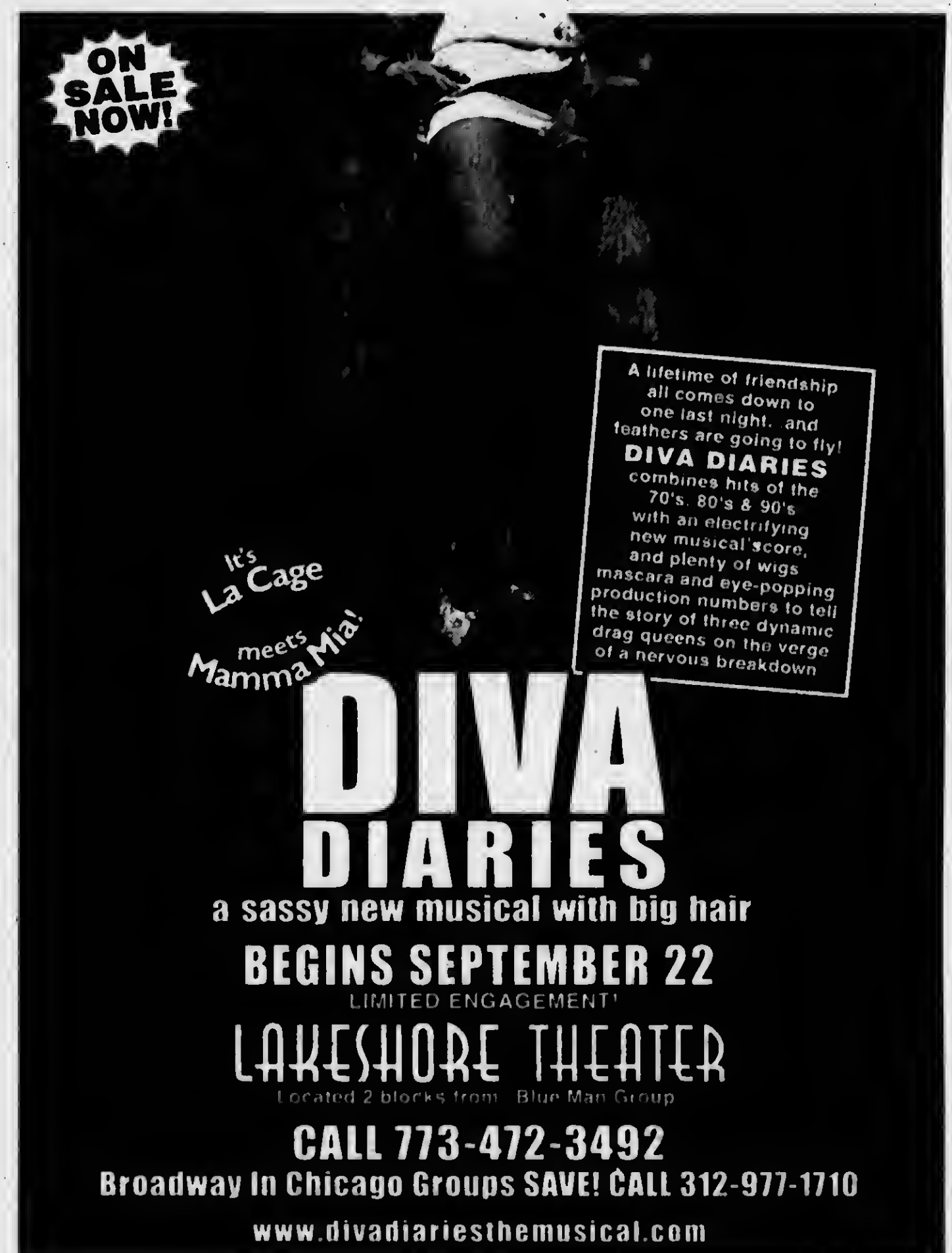
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The tour begins on the south side of Chicago, continuing north to the downtown area to the near north side. Included will be such historic sites as Pullman, University of Chicago, Columbian Exposition of 1893, Bronzeville, Chinatown, Prairie Avenue, Fort Dearborn, Du Sable's cabin, the Water Tower, St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Biograph Theater, 1933 World's Fair, museums, skyscrapers, city parks and much, much more.

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Women Business Owners Economic Outreach Development Tour

In an effort to highlight and continue the phenomenal growth of women-owned businesses, the Chicagoland Women's Economic Development Outreach (WEDO) Tour plans an unprecedented weeklong tour encompassing ten counties in Illinois. For the first time in Illinois, a dynamic group of women leaders, comprised of business owners, local, state and federal representatives, bank officials, economic development organizations and other women-focused organizations, will stop at four sites between October 4-7, 2004, supply information and resources to Chicago area business owners.

Registration for each day begins at 8 a.m. with a complimentary Power Breakfast and runs from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Women business owners are encouraged to visit www.emagnify.com for a complete schedule of events and to register online or contact a National City women business advisor



Map of Areas to Be Serviced by WEDO Tour

closest to their area. Reservations for all WEDO programs are free and limited to the first 100 participants.

"National City is proud to be the exclusive lead sponsor of WEDO, said Beth Blom, National City vice president of small business banking and WEDO chairperson. "Through the unique collaboration of partners in WEDO, and our bank's partnerships with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity/Small Business Development Center, ATHEN Foundation, Women's Business Development Center, Seton Hill University's National Education for Women in Business, the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), U.S. Small Business Administration and Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka Office, we are sending a clear message to women entrepreneurs that we are committed to meeting all their business needs. This week long blitz is a dynamic way to jump start our economy and provide a catalyst to grow women owned business.

Homeless shelter sites listed for the southwest area

Volunteers are needed for the homeless shelter sites of South Suburban PADS. Shelters are open six nights a week from mid October through mid April at various churches. New volunteers may sign up by calling Linda Seyller at 708-857-1039. There is a orientation meeting on September 22nd at Pilgrim Faith United Church, 9411 S. 51st Ave, Oak Lawn.

There are 4 different shifts between 6pm and 7am. The great need is for volunteers on the late night and early morning shifts from 11:45pm to 3am and 2:45am to 7am. Other volunteers are needed to transport linens to Christ Hospital and to prepare and serve food. Doctors and nurses are needed for the Thursday night medical clinic.

On Saturday, September 25, 2004 there is an evening of beautiful music and fellowship for the ministry called Harmony, Hope and healing under the direction of Marge Nylaza, a program that offers dignity and spiritual healing to the homeless and under-served in the area. The Choir of Hope from Harmony, Hope and Healing will provide a concert of entertaining and inspiring music. The concert will be held at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home at 5570 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn. Call 708-425-0500 for the RSVP.

Churches serving as shelter sites this year include:

Sunday evening: Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, in Oak Lawn:

Monday evening: SW Korean Alliance Church, 9855 Kean Ave. in Palos Hills,

Tuesday evening: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 8607 S. Narragansett in Burbank,

Wednesday evening: Our Lady of the Ridge, 10810 S. Oxford in Chicago Ridge

Thursday evening: Pilgrim Faith United Church, 9411 S. 51st Ave in Oak Lawn.

Friday evening: St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11007 76th Ave. in Worth

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Little Company of Mary Health News

Restless Leg Syndrome is a neurological condition that afflicts up to 8% of the U.S. population. It causes an overwhelming urge to move the legs due to unpleasant sensations in the legs. It often occurs during periods of inactivity and can become worse in the evening or when caffeine is consumed. There is no actual cure for RLS; Permax is a medication that is used to treat the stiffness, tremors, spasms, and poor muscle control of Parkinson's disease, and has been successful in treating symptoms of RLS. An alternative to medication can often be self-directed activities that counteract these sensations. Practicing relaxation techniques and keeping one's mind actively engaged through activities like reading may also be a way to relieve the symptoms. LCM Sleep Disorders Center is on-site at the Hospital and helps patients aged 12 and older who suffer from Restless Leg Syndrome. If you would like to call the Center for more information the number is 708-424-9288.

Kids Support was founded by Ann Speltz who had dealt with breast cancer and saw the effect on her daughter. When her cancer was in remission, she quit her job as an editor to follow her passion to help other people in similar situations. Kid Support has trained facilitators that understand that cancer strikes the entire family. It is a non-profit organization that establishes adult-led peer support groups for children of cancer patients. It is a 10-week program for children ages six to thirteen. It is one of three such programs in the Chicagoland area. Many communities offer bereavement programs for children, but few offer support for children living with cancer in the family. Kid support is unique in that its volunteer facilitators complete a high-quality training course and are given detailed, written instructions for conducting program activities. It is cancer-focused but teaches coping skills that would benefit children with parents of other serious illnesses. It helps them differentiate between aggression and assertiveness as well as teaching a variety of relaxation skills, and seeks to reduce the stress of parental cancer while strengthening the bond between parents and children through family communication about cancer. For inquiries about Kid Support, call the Cancer Center at 708-229-6015.

Key to Fighting Cancer may be diet. When a carcinogen enters our bodies, it goes through different stages before it becomes a tumor. LCM exerts agree lifestyle and diet go hand in hand in relation to cancer prevention. They feel good nutritional values need to be

instilled at a young age. There are demonstrated links between eating green and yellow citrus fruits and lower risks of cancers of the lung, stomach, and large intestine. The American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Society, and the American Heart Association all recommend at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily. If growing your own garden does not appeal to you, try attending your local farmers market. Fruits, vegetables, and moderate exercise can help build up your immune system, which in turn fights your abnormal cells. LCM has an Integrative Therapy Program to educate their

patients on the importance of nutritional component when battling cancer, and also how to make eating more fun!

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I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online at TheDailyPsychic.Com and you can also visit JackiMari.Com

Money Is In This Week's Forecast

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Money is again an issue for you to deal with. A partner does not seem as concerned as you are about finances. J aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You might approach a relative for a loan and get it. Some of you, however, may not because of past disagreements. L involved.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Money comes in unusual way, but once it gets there, don't get talked out of it. A young person needs financial help too. A aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Surprise money comes your way. Be careful however, someone makes financial demands on you. A Gemini and an R involved.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You surely come out on the plus side of money deals. You need now to make plans for a better love life. J involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Two, maybe three people will be soon involved in a money deal with you. Scorpio, Leo and Gemini people aid.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Money slips through your fingers easily. Not this week however. It seems that you finally have a handle on how to keep it.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Money and health matters are highlighted. You should come out the better in both areas of life. Let D or S help you.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: The million-dollar question is: are you ready for financial success? If you are, it is ready for you! D and J help and a Leo too.

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*My Psychic Observations & Insights:
Reaching Into The Past*

A group of elderly people were gathered and placed into a controlled environment, placing them back into the 50's when they were young, vibrant and healthy. They heard nothing about today's worries, and did not listen to any current music or read any current newspapers. They were given clothing from the 50's to wear and were encouraged to do the "jitter-bug." Medical tests then showed that they were healthier, happier, energized and looked much younger too. They were told all during this experiment that they were healthy, and that they were handsome or beautiful! It worked while they were there, but as soon as they were back in the current time, they suffered their aches, pains, high blood pressure and all the stuff they suffered prior to the experiment. I am looking for people who would like to go back in time in 3-7 group sessions to see if we can recapture health and all the good that may help people to live a better, healthier life now and in their future. Interested? Small fee involved. Call me direct: 1-708-597-5866.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Evergreen Park Youth Commission Sponsors three events.

The "Badlandz" Paintball Trip for youths 12 years and older will be held on Sept. 18, and will go to Cretc, IL. The bus will leave the Community Center at 9:00 a.m. and returns

at 3:00 p.m. Cost will be \$40 which will include 4 hours of Paintballing, 500 Paintballs, and the bus fee. You must be a resident of Evergreen Park and signed up no later than Wed., Sept 15. For more info, call the Youth Center at 708-229-3377.

The "Open Gym" Basketball for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of Evergreen Park, will start Friday, October 1. The hours will be from 6:30-9:00 p.m. every Friday, and the fee will be \$2.00. You must be registered with the Youth Commission to receive an I.D. card for entry.

Call the Youth Commission.

The "Stock Car Enthusiasts" event will be held on October 2nd, when an original Stock Car with its driver and photographer will be on hand at Evergreen Park "October fest" at Yukich Field from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There will be a fee per each photo of you and this car. Contact the Youth Commission.

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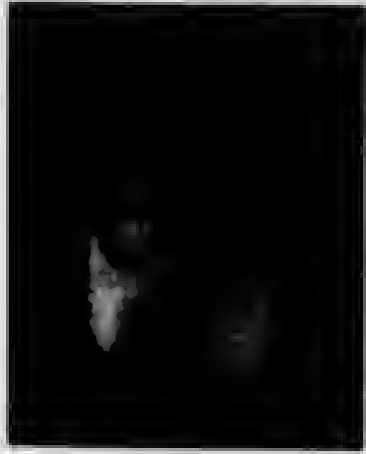
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
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WHEN LIFE TAKES AN UNEXPECTED TURN

You never think it's going to happen to you. With busy schedules to keep and families to care for, you never figure in the devastation of a medical emergency as it takes you by complete surprise.

The terrifying reality of uncertainty hit hard a few days ago as my husband Bill suffered what was initially diagnosed as a TIA, or mini stroke.

Even though I work at home and Bill works at a nearby school, we frequently talk on the phone.

Last Wednesday began as any other ordinary day of week. I had talked to Bill once or twice about the trivial things; what time he'd be home, what he wanted for dinner etc...

Little did I know that the next conversation we'd have would have the potential to turn our world upside down.

I called to remind Bill we needed bread and discovered that the dazed and disorientated person on the other end of the line was my husband. He seemed confused, couldn't remember simple words, and it quickly became evident that he was in dire need of medical attention.

An ambulance was called to take him to the hospital.

With a play room full of kids I flew through the house powered by pure adrenaline. I had parents to call, family members to notify and a husband who really needed me.

I grabbed anything I thought would be of use. His prescription bottles, the cell phone, a hand full of quarters and out the door I ran with my mother-in-law.

Just a half hour earlier I had called the school secretary and asked her to check on Bill, in his office, after that disturbing phone conversation. Corinne called back to say they were calling an ambulance. At that moment he hadn't recognized any of his co-workers.

Racing through the parking lot I panicked. What if he didn't recognize me? It was the first time it actually dawned on me that my husband of 27 years could be in serious danger.

The ambulance ride was a blur, only the occasional siren at busy intersections brought me back to where it was we were going.

It's funny what goes through your mind in the middle of a crisis.

We sure didn't begin our day thinking we'd be traveling by ambulance heading toward what could be an unknown outcome.

Down the busy street I noticed life going on as normal - people shopping, joggers getting their exercise, and then there was the lady coming out of the beauty shop.

I noticed she made the sign of the cross as we passed by.

I cannot tell you how many times I've done that exact same thing. I always make a sign of the cross at the sight of an ambulance, and as I pass by a church or a funeral home.

But, as many times as I've made a simple request in prayer for those in need, I've never really anticipated the comfort felt when the prayer is offered up for my family.

After spending three days in the hospital the doctors still aren't sure what exactly happened to my husband. They ran a variety of tests and have scheduled an MRI for a later date.

We can't help but wonder if this 'episode' was a warning of some kind; perhaps a not so subtle nudge from God to remind us that life can sometimes take a sharp turn in a direction you weren't prepared to go.

It has become a reminder to me that, when life takes a u-turn you must be prepared with faith and a prayer that, no matter what, God will always see you through.

And, speaking of prayers, I will always remember that lady who made the sign of the cross as we went zooming past.

That kind gesture is also a comforting reminder to me that we are not always the ones giving the prayers. Sometimes we are on the receiving end when an unexpected crisis wakes us up to the reality that nothing is ever guaranteed in this life.

Once again I am learning that with faith, hope, prayer, family and friends, nothing is ever as bad as it seems.

Motorcoach tour explores historic Illinois sites

Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, 2004, this tour covers 179 miles in the fully equipped, climate-controlled motorcoach beginning in Lynwood at the eastern terminus of the Lincoln Highway in Illinois, travels west through the Chicago Southland, through Joliet, north through Aurora, then west through the beautiful rural and agricultural settings, onward to the Mississippi River, along with special stops at Dixon at the boyhood home of Ronald Reagan, and

paddlewheel cruises on both the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. Refreshments and snacks are provided throughout. The tour stops along the route in DeKalb, Illinois for lunch at the historic Elwood House, at Franklin Grove at the Lincoln Highway Association and Museum, then to Dixon to visit the boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan.

Reaching the mighty Mississippi, the tour will cross the river for overnight accommodations at The Lodge in Bettendorf, IA, a classic

Bavarian lodge in the German tradition. When everyone is settled in, it is on to a wonderful dinner cruise on a stern-wheeler on the Mississippi River.

The next morning, October 24, features a breakfast at the Lodge, a stop at Lock # 14 on the I & M Canal in LaSalle and a visit to the LaSalle County Museum in Utica. Then on to Starved Rock State Park in Ottawa for a guided tour and another riverboat cruise on the Illinois River followed by lunch at the Starved Rock State Park Lodge.

This tour is \$289 per person (based on double occupancy). For reservations, please call Seecago Tours at (708) 367-0875

St. Michael School starts Character Education Program

St. Michael's School in Orland Park is implementing a school wide Character Education Program, which each month will focus on a different value and character trait. The goal is to help students develop crucial character skills they will need in order to succeed in the future and to meet challenges with strengthened self-esteem and critical personal qualities that research shows many are coming to school without.

Information and awareness will be found throughout the school's newsletters, parent meetings, in the classrooms, and around the school and at home. September's theme is "More than just a positive attitude."

"George Gershwin Alone" has midwest premier

A one-man show "George Gershwin Alone" starring Hershey Felder as George in the Midwest premiere from September 27 through October 24, 2004 plays at the Royal George Theatre located at 1641

North Halsted St. Chicago.

This show is presented by Eighty-Eight Entertainment and Lee Kaufman and is about the life and work of one of the world's most beloved composers and features music by George and Ira Gershwin, book by Hershey Felder and directed by Joel Zwick. To create this work, the Gershwin family gave Felder unfettered access to the artist's manuscripts, personal and professional papers and recordings. He conducted further research with family members, biographers, friends and the Library of Congress that houses the Gershwin family archives.

Director Zwick is known for the film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding". He has directed more than 500 television episodes and numerous Broadway and off-Broadway touring companies. All music lovers fondly

remember Gershwin's "A Rhapsody in Blue" that made a lady out of Jazz. "George Gershwin Alone" presents an "imagination" of what an evening in the presence of the great composer's company may have been. The press, New York Times, USA Today, London's Guardian and the Daily Mail have all called the production stunning, dazzling and sheer genius.

Tickets for the show run from \$37.50-\$45 and are available at the Royal George Box Office, 1641 N. Halsted St. or at 312-988-9000 or at Ticketmaster (312-902-1500) or centers. Production will be Monday Sept 27 to Sunday October 24. Wednesday at 2 and 8pm, Thursday and Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2 and 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. There will be performances at 7:30pm on Monday and Tuesday Sept 27 and 28.

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Anita's kitchen favorites

By Anita Anderson

Grill a pot roast?

Grilling an unlikely pot roast is an easy and delicious way to enjoy flavorful chuck pot roast without heating up the kitchen. Since pot roast requires slow cooking in liquid you may wonder how the cut adapts to grilling. Here's how.

It's accomplished with indirect grilling, not the more intense heat that results from cooking over coals.

Begin by placing the beef chuck roast, seasonings and veggies in an aluminum foil cooking bag or tightly wrapped foil. Then enter the foil pouch on the cooking grid with the heat from the coals or burners coming from the sides, not from underneath-hence indirect grilling. Allow pot roast to cook covered for a couple of hours. No peeking. If you use a charcoal grill you may need extra briquets if needed during cooking.

To add an extra touch of summer, toss veggies with fragrant fresh basil before serving.

Grilled Pot Roast Piperade

1 boneless beef chuck shoulder 2 1/2 pound pot roast
foil for cooking 1 tbs flour
2 tbs minced garlic
1 tbs mixed ground peppercorns, black or white
1 medium onion cut into 8 wedges
1 medium red and 1 yellow bell pepper cut into 2-inch wide strips 1/2 cup beef broth
2 tbs fresh basil salt and pepper to taste

Sprinkle inside of foil bag with flour. Combine garlic and peppercorns. Press evenly onto all surfaces of the beef roast. Place pot roast in bag. Add onion, bell peppers and beef broth. Seal bag by double folding the open end. Place bag in shallow pan. Prepare grill for indirect cooking by igniting an equal number of briquets on each side of the fire grate, leaving open space in center.

When coals are medium, ash covered (25 to 30 minutes), add 3 to 4 new briquets to each side. Place foil drip pan in center of grate between coals. Position grid with handles over coals, so briquets may be added as needed.

Remove pouch from shallow pan and place on grid over drip pan. Grill, covered, 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until meat is fork tender. Add 3 to 4 briquets per side every 30 minutes to maintain heat level. Remove pouch from grill to shallow pan. Using oven

mitts, cut open bag with sharp knife. Fold back top of bag to allow steam to escape. Remove vegetables and toss with basil in bowl. Carve into slices. Season beef and veggies with salt and pepper if desired.

Chicago Southland Arts Alliance hosts Annual Meeting

The Chicago Southland Arts Alliance (CSAA), a year-old organization formed to promote and market the arts in the Chicago Southland region, will celebrate its one-year anniversary on Wednesday, September 22, at 6pm at the Holiday Inn Matteson, 500 Holiday plaza drive in Matteson, Illinois.

Illinois Arts Council Chairman Shirley R. Madigan has been invited to attend the event, which is open to the public. This meeting will serve as an introduction of the organization to the Southland community, and a forum to unveil the CSAA's new website and logo.

CSAA's President Thomas Vitek, Executive Director of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra in Park Forest, encourages those interested in the arts, local businesspersons and individual artists to attend the event to learn more about the Alliance, its members and its mission and objectives. Those interested in attending may call 708-481-7774 to RSVP. Art and Feature Editors are invited to attend this event.


Chicago Symphony Negotiates Contract

The Hon. Abner J. Mikva will mediate talks between CSO management and the Union with reference to The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association, the Chicago Federation of Musicians and the CSO Musicians Negotiating Committee. This is for a new collective bargaining agreement. The current agreement expires on September 12 and the parties have agreed that CSO rehearsals and concerts will take place without interruptions through October 31, 2004. Musicians and management have mutually agreed to a media blackout as part of the mediation arrangement.

The Honorable Abner J. Mikva served on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1979 to 1994, as Chief Judge from 1991-1994. He served as White House Counsel from October 1994 until November 1995. Before serving on the federal appeals bench, Judge Mikva was a five-term Illinois congressman as well as an Illinois state legislator. He currently serves on the faculty of the University of Chicago law School.

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Moraine Valley fall 2004 enrollment sets records

The 2004 fall semester enrollment at Moraine Valley broke the fall record high with 17,386 students. It also set the all-time high record for credit students with 16,077 students. Fall enrollment has increased 24 percent over the past five years. The number of credit hours also is at a record high. The 142,727 credit hours reflect a 4 percent increase over last fall.

"We are pleased that so many of community members have chosen Moraine Valley to continue their education," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. "Our mission is to provide an accessible, affordable environment for learning that promotes quality in education and excellence in service. We believe we are carrying out that mission. Our faculty and staff are to be commended for their innovative curriculum and responsiveness to ever-changing workforce skills."

Students enrolled in college transfer courses make up 51 percent of the enrollment while career program students account for 38 percent. Fifty-nine percent of the students are enrolled part-time. Fifty-nine percent of the students are women, and the average age is 27 years old. Eighty-three percent of the students live within the college district, although there is a 10 percent increase in the number of out-of-district students attending Moraine Valley this fall compared to last fall. Some 2,520 students reside outside the district.

time, nighttime, short-term, one day per week, weekend, and online. "Our students have busy schedules, and we make every effort to accommodate those schedules with flexible options," Dr. Crawley said.

Sports Hall of Fame inducts McAuley Volleyball Coach and Athletic Director.

Thursday, September 23rd, the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame will host its annual buffet dinner at which 12 people will be inducted to their Hall of Fame's Class of 2004. One of the 12 will be Nancy Wichgers Pedersen, Head Volleyball Coach and Athletic Director at Mother McAuley High School.

The event will be held at Maryville Academy, 1150 N. River Road in Des Plaines, IL at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125.00 per person, which includes cocktails, buffet dinner, and Awards Ceremonies. For tickets call 847-294-1799. More information is available at: 773-881-6550 Nancy Pedersen or www.eteamz.com/mothermcauleys.

St. Rita sets theme for school year

Dr. Crawley noted the high enrollment was due to several factors, including a continued sluggish state economy. In addition, the college offers a variety of scheduling options—day-

St. Rita's Student Council officers with the Activities Director, Brother Jack Hibbard, OSA, chose as its theme for the year, "Once a Rita Man, Always a Rita Man". The council will work throughout the year to plan and coordinate student activities including food drives, dances, spirit weeks, and pep rallies, including special events to celebrate St. Rita High School's 100th anniversary.



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Tommy Gun's Garage welcomes back The Roaring Twenties

By Marijo Doody

After the turn of the last century, in a decade known as The Roaring Twenties, the manufacturing and selling of alcoholic beverages was outlawed and prohibited. Men like Al Capone and his mafia family did not adhere to the law, opening illegal speakeasies across the City of Chicago offering alcohol, gambling and hot-box entertainment. Tommy Gun's Garage welcomes back The Roaring Twenties. This is Chicago's only Speakeasy Dinner-Theater.

In the words of the hoods, "da mugs and da dolls dance and sing da Charleston and udder musical selections from Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Fats Waller, the Duke and

more... all played by Chicago's Sinfully Orchestra. Da history is on da walls, a 1928 Model "A" Ford in da room and more." You will be transported back to the "20's" with the gangsters, the flappers, the music and interact and participate. The "Garage" will be raided by the coppers and you'll sing a lot of amen's. Along with all of this you will be served great food and hooch.

Owners, Sandy Mangen and Bob Lukaski have done a magnificent job in this endeavor in the new place. Tommy Gun's Garage was opened in August 1987 and is the longest running show in Chicago at 17 years. Initially they were around Roosevelt Road but with the upscale area the building went. Tommy Gun's hosts visitors from around the world, hosts private functions for Corporate and Convention groups as well as student and senior groups from across the United States. It offers a clean show for any age group and is family friendly. Sandy Mangen took over ownership in 1989 and through struggles it overcame many odds and managed to survive through

tough economic times.

Since it's beginning, Sandy Mangen opened the Garage doors to the Dinner Theater and hundreds of actors, musicians, directors and choreographers have entered through the doors. It is a great job for any performer "in between" gigs. Kurt Sage is Artistic Director and Gregg Opelka is Music Director. The ten performers we saw were superb in singing and dance. Their comedic skills were a delight. Each performer has a different approach to the character and it is a challenge. The actors we spoke with had over ten years on stage, one was a Tony nominee, the others in movies and one indicated a TV History of the "20's" with Bill Curtis in late fall.

As visitors, the service was excellent, royal treatment was received, huge portions of delicious entrees, marvelous "appeteezers" and a great show was presented. Da food presented was "Big Jim Colosimo-baked lasagna, Don't Call Me Chicken, King Pin-prime rib and other selections." For history buffs it was a great lesson in "Chicago" in the "20's" with old



Tommy Gunn : Visitor "Flappers" Maureen and Elizabeth A. O'Connor, Marijo Doody, Village View Theater Editor and "Duce" the gangster.

newspapers, photos of Soldiers Field, State and Madison, Comiskey Park, the hoods in the Valentine Day Massacre and much more.

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Village of Orland Park to hold open house

Proposed 143rd Street Improvements - Wolf Road to US Route 45 (LaGrange Road)

The Village of Orland Park will hold an Open House regarding proposed improvements to 143rd Street from West Avenue to U.S. Route 45 (LaGrange Road). The Open House will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

The proposed improvement will consist of reconstructing and widening 143rd Street. In order to construct these improvements, additional right-of-way will be required. Representatives from the Department of Transportation will be present to discuss right-of-way acquisition procedures. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled for 2005 and construction is scheduled for 2006.

Engineering and environmental studies will be discussed at the Open House and public comments and questions will be solicited on the proposed improvement. Maps, sketches and other information pertinent to the design of the proposed improvement will be available for inspection.

Interested citizens from this affected area in Cook County may comment on the proposed design features. Written and oral statements will be received at the Open House. Village of Orland Park personnel, representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the consulting engineer will be available to discuss the proposed improvements.

For more information, please contact the Village of Orland Park Village Manager's office at 708/403-6155.

Third annual Ride 'N Tie Race

Open Lands of Orland Park To Host Bike/Run Team Race

Oil your bike wheels and get out your running shoes. Open Lands of Orland Park will sponsor its third annual fundraising Ride 'n Tie Race on Sunday, October 24, 2004. The race begins at Meadow Ridge School, 159th Street and 108th Avenue, and then travels ten miles on village streets and finishes back at Meadow Ridge School.

The Ride 'n Tie consists of two-person teams, who alternate biking and running over a ten-mile course. One team member starts off running while the other is on the bike. The biker may put down the bike at two miles, and when the runner reaches the bike, they change modes and continue. Each team may decide when to make the switch, but there are two mandatory change points. Both team members and bike must cross the finish line together. Mountain and road bikes are permitted and helmets are mandatory. The field is limited to 150 teams.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is open until Saturday, October 23, 2004. Registration is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street, or on-line at www.signmeup.sports.com. Packet pick-up will be at Human Race Sports, 15148 South LaGrange Road, on October 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

The cost of the race is \$50 per team/pre-registration and \$60 per team the day of the race. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Awards will be given to the top three teams in each age/gender group and to the top overall winners. Refreshments will be available after the race.

The Open Lands of Orland Park Corporation is a not-for-profit entity created to raise funds and purchase open space to augment public open space efforts. Open Lands has been raising money from private sources and through fundraising events like this to enable the Village of Orland Park to purchase vacant parcels of land. In 2000, residents approved the \$20 million Open Lands Referendum. The fund has also received more than \$4 million in grants from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to purchase vacant parcels. More than 230 acres of open space have been purchased, along with 38 acres having been donated. Several more properties are being pursued.

The Ride 'n Tie Race is sponsored by Open Lands of Orland Park, Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, Human Race Sports, Chicago Athlete, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Brooks, Buffalo Wild Wings and AthleteX. Corporate and business sponsorships are still available.

For more information or to participate as a sponsor, please call (708) 403-6145.



Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas (center) recognizes members of the Thai Nurses Association of Illinois. They include Nongluck Tittikamron (second left), Nathira Tonomon (third left), Association President Orachorn Nannar (third right), Panamt Bhothachareon (second right) and Nick Bannapradist (far right). Pappas and Assistant Treasurer for Ethnic Affairs, Pat Milchalski (far left), thank the Association for sponsoring an exhibit in the Treasurer's Office, which honored the dual celebration of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit's Birthday and Thai National Mother's Day.

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Fall program registration at the Tinley Park Library

A variety of programs are being offered at the library, 7851 Timber Drive, for all age groups, including Storytimes, Young Adult Book Discussions, and the adult World Travel program, which will be visiting the Canadian Rockies and Native Plants and Wetland Ecology. Please call 708-532-0160 x 3 for adult program information and x 2 for youth program information.



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St. Michael's student receives prestigious art award.

Danielle Inzinga, will appear as "The Young Artist" in the October 2004 issue of Arts and Activities. Danielle is a student of St. Michael's School in Orland Park.



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Regional Care Association holds walk

The 9th Annual Regional CARE AIDS Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at 10am at Lewis University in Romeoville. Participants may walk individually or as a team with family, friends or co-workers. Regional CARE Association is a not-for-profit agency located in Joliet that provides comprehensive medical, mental health care, and substance abuse services for persons living with AIDS in Will and adjacent counties along with prevention, awareness and free anonymous testing.

For more information call regional CARE Association at 815-722-7000 or the web at www.regionalcare.org.

St. Xavier College will hold their Fourth Annual Cougar 5K Race on Homecoming Day, Saturday, Oct. 2, at 9 a.m.

The paved racecourse starts and finishes on the SXU Chicago Campus at 3700 W. 103rd Street and runs through Evergreen Park. Water will be offered along the racecourse.

Registration Fees are \$15 before (\$12 for SXU students and CARA members) or \$20 (\$15) on race day at www.signmeup.com/27251 or 7:45-8:45 a.m. on race day.

All participants will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt and a ticket to the Homecoming football game against William Penn University(Iowa) which begins at 1:00 p.m.

There will be a complimentary pre or post race breakfast of muffins, bagels, fruit, beverages, etc. provided by Chartwell's Dining Service for participants as well as an outdoor luncheon at 11:00 a.m. sponsored by the Alumni Association, featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and salads.

Other events will be a raffle, an award ceremony, a jumping jack, pony rides and face-painting for the kids.

For more info call Iva-Marie Palmer 773-298-3325 or palmer@sxu.edu

Southside Garden Novices to meet

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 7 p.m. in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall (east entry), 10455 S. Ridgeland Avenue.

The speaker will be Laury Lewis, who will show slides of Chicagoland Annuals and Perennials. There will be a \$2.00 fee for non-members. For more information, please call (708) 636-7931.

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Chicago Ridge approves City Banner Program

By Matt Mayer

The board approved a City banner program with Community Banner Services at the Sept 7, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The board also approved an ordinance for a special use variation for Walsh Towing and Auto Repair at 5600 W. 11th St, the slated site for the proposed CVS Pharmacy. An ordinance for a quiet zone at 103rd and Southwest Highway was also approved.

The board approved a resolution for the National Incident Management System. Village Attorney George Witous said this would allow the village to pair with federal aid for various Homeland Security measures. The board had approved the following solicitations and presentations: A block party request for 109th and Massasoit Ave on Sept 5, Our Lady of the Ridge door to door decal on Sept 11, Sertoma Candy Day on Sept 10 and 11, and Our Lady of the Ridge Knights of Columbus Sept 17, 18 and 19.

The board approved the rezoning of the property at 10604 Southwest Highway to a PUD [R-3] for the purpose of constructing town homes.

The board approved a proposal to waive the bidding process and award Crowley Sheppard the Natchez Ave project. The contractor is currently working in the area and has presented a proposal to perform the work at the same unit price.

The board approved to pay Crowley Shepard \$122,227.20 for the motor fuel tax [MFT] street project for Austin, Lyman and Mc Vickers Ave. The hiring of three part time Police Officers was also approved. The board approved to enter into an agreement with the Fifth District Task Force. Nov 3 was proclaimed Hispanic Mental Health Week.



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Worth President pledges support of Tollway Improvements

Letter from Edward S. Guzdziol, Village President:

"As the President of Worth, I applaud Governor Rod Blagojevich for his recent announcement of his vision for the Illinois Toll way. It includes the reconstruction and widening of the southern portion of I-294, which has been long needed. This plan has the potential of finally bringing to reality the sound barriers along the toll way that Worth and Chicago Ridge has lobbied for. In addition, his plans call for the building of the south Extension of I-355, which the cities and residents in that region have been wanting for so long. The Governor's vision and his courage in presenting this plan are to be commended and as the President of the Village of Worth, a community that will be positively affected by this plan, I offer my thanks and support."

Signed Edward S. Guzdziol, Village President

Palos Heights Village Board meeting highlights

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Palos Heights meeting of September 7, several items were discussed before the council. A motion was passed for local adoption of National Incident Management System (NIMS). this resolution merely states the city's intentions to become NIMS compliant in order to secure homeland security grants from the federal government in the future.

Two meetings have been scheduled for the building of the new proposed health center at Community Park. One for September 30 and one for October 21. Both are at 7 pm in the Recreation Center at 6601 W. 127th Street.

Candy days are to be held by the Lions Club and scheduled for October 8 and 9, 2004.

A motion was made to approve and accept the mission statement and Committee Responsibilities created by and for the Lake Katherine Executive Committee, including a vision, b) By Laws c) Nonprofit organization d) Citizen on Board. they are presently recruiting an executive director for the 501C(3) not for profit organization. This is open to anyone.

The meeting adjourned and the next scheduled council meeting is September 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Palos Park Public Library events

Book Sale!

Donations are being accepted for the 13th annual book sale which starts on Thursday, September 23. The preview night is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The charge for this privilege is \$5.00 per person, payable at the door. The regular sale starts Friday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. A bag sale begins on Wednesday, September 29 and runs through Saturday October 2.

Spooky Halloween Craft Fun -

Children ages 5 and up can register for this craft session to be held October 7 from 4:30 to 5 p.m. to make a special Halloween craft. Please register early. There is a limit of 16 that may attend.

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Evergreen Park Youth Commission Sponsors three events.

The "Badlandz" Paintball Trip for youths 12 years and older will be held on Sept. 18, and will go to Crete, IL. The bus will leave the Community Center at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 3:00 p.m. Cost will be \$40 which will include 4 hours of Paintballing, 500 Paintballs, and the bus fee. You must be a resident of Evergreen Park and signed up no later than Wed., Sept 15. For more info, call the Youth Center at 708-229-3377.

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The "Open Gym" Basketball for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of Evergreen Park, will start Friday, October 1. The hours will be from 6:30-9:00 p.m. every Friday, and the fee will be \$2.00. You must be registered with the Youth Commission to receive an I.D. card for entry.

Call the Youth Commission.

The "Stock Car Enthusiasts" event will be held on October 2nd, when an original Stock Car with its driver and photographer will be on hand at Evergreen Park "October fest" at Yukich Field from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There will be a fee per each photo of you and this car. Contact the Youth Commission.

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Evergreen Parks Bids Farwell to Long Time Friend

By Matt Mayer

The Sept 20, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting commenced on a somber note as Mayor James Sexton announced that a longtime active resident and friend of the village Joe Laschober had passed away. Laschober's funeral was that

morning of the meeting. Following a moment of silence in honor of Laschober, the board briskly moved through the agenda.

The board approved a business regulation certificate for Vancol Family Health Center, a medical of-

fice at 3830 W. 95th St. A recommendation from the zoning board of appeals for a building variation at 10139 S. Clifton Park was also approved as well as a four way stop at 93rd and Avers and 90th and Albany.

The board approved a request to proclaim the week of October 3rd as "International Hispanic/Latino Mental Health Week". A request from Queen of Martyrs School for their annual Walk-A-Thon on Oct 1st with a rain date of Oct 7th as well as a request from St Bernadette's for their homecoming parade Oct 16th was also approved.

Office of Citizens' Services Provides Mini-bus

OCS provides the mini-bus services for seniors and disabled adults. It operates Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. trans-

porting clients to medical appointments within a five-mile radius, and business appointments to village merchants. Medical appointments take priority. The mini-bus is equipped to

handle two wheelchairs. Service includes Evergreen Park Banks, Barber and Beauty Shops, Library, OCS Activities at Community Center, Plaza, Post Office, Village Hall, and Wednesday morning shopping at Menu Mart and Thursday afternoon shopping at Aldi's.

To make appointments, call 708-422-8776 giving at least 24 hour notice and up to two weeks in advance of scheduled appointment.

OCS Activity announces schedule for Seniors.

Office of Citizens Services 3450 West 97th Street Evergreen Park, Illinois. For Information call 708-422-8776.

Activities:

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Wed: Chess 1:00 p.m.
Thurs: Bridge 12:00 Noon
Fri: Pinochle 12:00 Noon
Exercise Programs: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.
Video Exercise: Mon.,

Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
Garden Clinic: 4th Mon. of each month 10:00 a.m.
Line Dancing: Mon. 12:00 Noon (beginners) Mon. 1:00 p.m. (advanced)

Oak Lawn approves Metropolitan Alliance of Police Agreement

By Matt Mayer

The Board approved an agreement between the Village and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police at the Sept 28 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. This agreement is effective from Jan 2003 to Dec 2006 and has been updated to include a recent arbitration award, which consists of a 2.85 percent wage increase for 2003, a 3.5 percent increase for 2004, and

a 3.85 percent increase for 2005 and 2006.

An ordinance was approved authorizing certain traffic regulations as follows: Residential Permit Parking Only signs west side of 51st Ave, between 94th and 95th St. except Saturdays Sundays and holidays as well as both sides of Lynwood Ave between 93rd St and Menard Ave from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on school days; No Parking signs on the west side of

Mason Ave from the south right-of-way line of David Court and to a point 100 feet south right-of-way line of David Court. and the south side of 94th St between a point from 250 ft to 330 ft west of Mobile Ave. Four Way Stop Signs at 105th and Kenton Ave. Two Way Yield Signs north and southbound at 98th St and 51st Ave.

The board approved the following subdivisions: one lot with lot width and lot area variations at 9424 S. Tully



Brother Rice Summer Basketball Campers

Brother Rice Awards Summer Basketball Campers

Five hundred fifth through ninth graders attended the 16th annual Brother Rice Crusader Summer Basketball Camp this summer. Campers came from as far as Nashville, Tenn., Fairfax Station, Va.,

and Toronto Canada. All of the local grade schools were represented as well.

Schools represented with winners were: St. Catherine, St. Christiana, St. Gerald, St. John Fisher, St. Damian, St. Michael, St.

Barnabas, McGugan, Latin, Palos South and Orland Jr. High. Others are Gower Middle School, St. Michael, Southeast, Sutherland, Independence, St. Cajetan, St. Linus, Queen of Martyrs, Bzads, Prairie Jr. High, Palos South and St. Jane de Chantal.

Ave; one lot with lot depth variations at 4918 W. 106th St, and one lot with lot variation at 5706 W. 91st St. A request for abrogation [legally void] of an easement at 9302 S. Sayre Ave was also approved.

A request by the Fire Department for the promotion of one Lieutenant and one Engineer was approved. The

village clerk's office will be open Saturday; applications for absentee ballots may be obtained in the Clerk's office. The board adjourned to executive session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. The meeting immediately adjourned upon reconvening from executive session. The next meeting is Oct 12th.



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News of our service personnel

Marine Corps Capt. Michael N. Swift, a 1991 graduate of St. Laurence High School, Burbank, Ill., and more than 2, 100 Marines and Sailors assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), have been

working in Najaf, Iraq, after fighting in the city ceased Aug. 28.

Members of the 11th MEU have the goal of restoring normalcy for the citizens of Najaf. Their immediate concerns are preparing schools for Iraq's children along with the reconstruction of hospitals, roads and

bridges.

Swift's unit is deployed with the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group to the Western Pacific and Central Command area of responsibility in support of the global war on terrorism.

Swift's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

MEU's are built around a reinforced infantry battalion, a combat service support element, a reinforced helicopter squadron and a command element.

With its complement of fully integrated air and ground forces, Swift's unit is ready to conduct real-world operations including amphibious, heliborne and boat raids, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, noncombatant evacuation operations and humanitarian assistance operations.

Benjamin K. Nonaka has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The training provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course.

Nonaka is the son of Gail L. and Henry H. Nonaka of W. Cedar St., Orland Park, Ill.

He graduated in 1997 from Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park, and received a bachelor's degree in 2001 from Carthage College, Kenosha, Wis.

Marine Corps Sgt. Kevin A. McFadden, a 1995 graduate of Chicago Agricultural High School, Chicago, Ill., recently graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant's Course.

During the course with Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, Naval Air Training Command, Pensacola, Fla., students are taught personnel administration, Marine Corps history and traditions, military courtesy, and principles and techniques of effective leadership. Students also participate in close-order drill and a rigorous physical fitness program.

Administration Expands Benefits for Ex-POWs

Continuing its commitment to former prisoners of war, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi today announced that the Bush Administration will expand benefits to all former POWs with strokes and common heart diseases.

"This is an issue that has been studied and debated too long," Principi said. "We have scientific studies supporting the association of these illnesses to the military service of our former POWs."

The secretary, who oversees the operations of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), announced the

new benefits in a speech tonight at a national convention of the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

The Administration's decision benefits former POWs with strokes and most heart diseases. Those veterans will be automatically eligible for disability compensation for those common ailments, and their spouses and dependents will be eligible for service-connected survivors' benefits if these diseases contribute to the death of a former POW.

In September 2003, Principi launched a nationwide outreach effort to identify and provide benefits

to the estimated 11,000 former POWs who were not receiving VA disability compensation or other services. There are about 35,000 living ex-POWs.

The secretary also has urged Congress to change federal law that required that former POWs must be detained for at least 30 days to qualify for the full range of POW benefits.

The Administration's new decision will add to the list of 16 medical problems that VA presumes to be linked to the military service of former POWs. The new rules are likely to take effect on October 7, 2004.



First Deputy Chief William McHenry of Cook County Sheriff's Police, Sheriff Sheahan, Officer Gordon and Chief Marijorie O'Dea of the Sheriff's Police Department

Sheriff Congratulates Graduate

Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan congratulates Police Officer Nicole Gordon on her recent graduation from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy. Gordon, a resident of Oak Lawn, has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2002 and previously worked in the Court services Division.

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"Tap Dog" is a hit

"Tap Dog" was an instant hit in Sidney in its world premier in 1995 and was an equal sensation in Edinburgh and in London. It made the North American debut at Montreal's festival in 1966. In 1967 it earned the Obie Award in New York.

In 2003 "Tap Dog" returned to Sadler Wells in the summer as "Tap Dog Rebooted" which featured both sexy guys and gals in boots to make this tap sensation hotter than ever. Tickets are \$25-\$62.50 at the box offices on Monroe and Randolph or call on the phone at 312-902-1400. The play runs Tuesday at 8pm, Wednesday at 7:30pm, Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 5 and 9pm and Sunday at 2 and 7:30pm.

Drury Lane Oakbrook presents "Of Thee I Sing"

The all-American political satire "Of Thee I Sing", just in time for elections, will run at Drury Lane Oakbrook from October 8, 2004 through January 2, 2005. This is the fourth show of the 2004-05 season. The satire look at American politics was one of the longest running shows of the 1930's and the first musical to win the Pulitzer Prize, winning the 1932 award for Drama. It features music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin. A fond remembrance from my prior theatre days is "Wintergreen for President", who will be played by Michael Gutrich. Audience favorite Dale Benson plays the hapless running mate.

Performance schedule: Wednesday at 8pm, Thursday at 2 and 8pm, Friday at 8:30pm, Saturday at 5:30 and 9pm and Sunday at 2:30 and 7pm. Show tickets range from \$22-\$26 (depending on day) Call the reservation line at 630-530-0111. Dinner packages are available. Call for the Holiday schedule.

News Release-Regional Care Association

The 9th Annual Regional CARE AIDS Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at 10am at Lewis University in Romeoville. Participants may walk individually or a s team with family, friends or co-workers. Regional CARE Association is a not-for-profit agency located in Joliet that provides comprehensive medical, mental health care, and substance abuse services for persons living with AIDS in Will and adjacent counties along with prevention, awareness and free anonymous testing.

For more information call regional CARE Association at 815-722-7000 or the web at www.regionalcare.org.

Caravan Alley Players present fall drama "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

The Caravan Alley Players from Mt. Carmel High school will present their fall drama, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". The play is in two acts by Dale Wassermann, from the novel by Ken Kesey. Presentation is in the Mt. Carmel Student Center, 6410 S. Dante Ave, in Chicago, on Friday, October 15 and Saturday October 16 at 7pm. All Tickets are general admission at \$5 each. For information call Mrs. Nau at 773-324-1020.

The cast is comprised of students and teacher from Mt. Carmel and students from Mother McAuley High School. They are as follows: Julie Ann Chappetto (Art Dept. Chair;



Judge Gloria Coco Domestic Violence Circuit Court of Cook County

Judge Coco addresses Men of the Castle

Judge Gloria Coco, Supervising Judge of Domestic Violence Division of the First Municipal District of

Theater makes announcement

The Philip Lynch Theatre at Lewis University announces "Fuddy Meers" by David Lindsay-Abaire will be presented two weekends in October 15-17 and 21-24. "Newsday" called the dark comedy and "amusing little American-Gothic-outlaw-absurdist-nightmare farce." It is recommended for mature audiences only. Performance time is 8pm in the evenings and 2:30pm on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$9 seniors and students. Reservations are recommended at 815-836-5500 (Mon - Fri. 1 to 4:30pm). The campus is located at Route 53 in Romeoville.

Mt. Carmel) Oak Lawn, Carmen Picarro - Flossmore, Jared Drake-Chicago, Daryl Espina-Orland Park, Derck Gross-Chicago, Nora McDonald-Chicago-Beverly. Other cast members are: Becky Martin-Chi-Mt Greenwood, Melissa Metz-Chi-Beverly, Hector Ortiz-Chi-East Side, Matthew Gomez-Chi-east Side, Joe Pasquinelli-Crete, Jim Prendergast-Oak Lawn, Jason Richards-Chi, Brian Sullivan and Ellen Tangel-Chi-Beverly. Further cast members are Ben Van Sickle-Highland Ind, Jeramiah Vincenty-Chi-East Side and DeKaib Walcott-Chi. Directors are Kevin Taylor(Cicero) and Mrs. Marita Tierney (Chi-Beverly).

the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the Men of the castle, Monday, October 4, following a 7pm dinner in the Beverly Unitarian Church, 10244 S. Longwood Dr. Judge Coco will share her expertise on Domestic Violence.

Judge Gloria Coco was appointed to the Bench in 1991 and appointed Supervising Judge in 1997, but served the Division since 1995. Prior to her appointments the judge was an attorney for the city of Chicago, Assistant Attorney General and before becoming a lawyer, she was an elementary school teacher for eight years. Judge Gloria Coco received her law degree from Northern Illinois University School of Law and received her BS from Mundel College.

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"Mouse Cop" to premier at Pheasant Run

Noble Fool Chicago's Comedy Theater in Pheasant Run Resort presents the world premier of the political satire "Mouse Cop" by Chicago Playwright, Eric Pfeffinger. In the satire "Mouse Cop", an employee of a government agency which bears a striking resemblance to the Department of Homeland Security, spends her days evading the Constitution and her evenings with hubby Walker. Their complacency is shattered when a single mouse turns their kitchen into a hilarious battle zone, within days of hosting their suburban neighbors for dinner. The neighbors are suspected of being Disney fans and mouse sympathizers. Ed note: we would not recommend the play.

Chicago Playwright, Eric Pfeffinger has seen his work produced around the country including New York and Los Angeles. His dramedy "Accidental Rapture" received great critical acclaim during its run at the Chicago Dramatists Theater as performed by the Visions and Voices Theatre Company.

Pheasant Run Resort is located 4051 Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois. The box office number is 630-584-6342 and the web is www.noblefool.org.

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The 31st Annual Historic Pullman House Tour

The 31st Annual Historic Pullman House Tour will be held Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10, 2004.

Pullman was a planned community of homes, shops, schools, recreational facilities, and industry built by rail car magnate George M. Pullman for his workers to escape the dangers of the city's industrial workplace. He was able to call on the world's best craftsmen, and it came to be called "The World's Most Perfect Town."

The district has been a City, State, and National Historic Landmark district since 1972. These landmark homes were built by then 26-year old architect Solon S.

Beman between 1880-1893. Nearly a thousand of the original residential structures and significant public buildings are contained in Pullman. The tour is a cross-section of different housing types including executive homes, skilled craftsmen's homes, and worker's cottages, renovated and restored by their private owners.

The Tour begins at the Visitor Center at 11141 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago where visitors can view the exhibits on the town of Pullman and where a 20 minute introductory video will be shown every half hour. The self-guided tour will be from 11 a.m. to

5 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by phone through October 8th for \$15 at 773-785-8901 or at the door on the day of the Tour for \$18 or \$15 for Seniors +65. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit restoration projects in Pullman.

Pullman is located 4 blocks west of 194 (Calumet/Bishop Ford Expressway) at Exit 66 A (111th Street). The visitors Center is at the corner of 112th and Cottage Grove Avenue and may be accessed by exiting the Metra Electric Commuter rail line at the 111th Street/Pullman or the 115th Street/Kensington Stations and also from the CTA bus line at 111th/Pullman. For more information call 773-785-8901 or visit www.pullmanil.org.

"A Nureyve Tribute" comes to auditorium theater of Roosevelt U.

The Joffrey Ballet presents "A Nureyve Tribute" at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, October 13-24, 2004. This will launch its 2004-2005 season. Rudplf Nureyev, one of the most influential performers of the 20th century revolutionized the role of male ballet dancers and was a dear friend of The Joffrey.

The works presented will include two premiers for The Joffrey, "Lauencia Pas de Six", "Vakhtang", Chabukiani's dazzling work with a Spanish flair, and "Apollo", George Balanchine's masterpiece about the Greek god and his realization of his power.

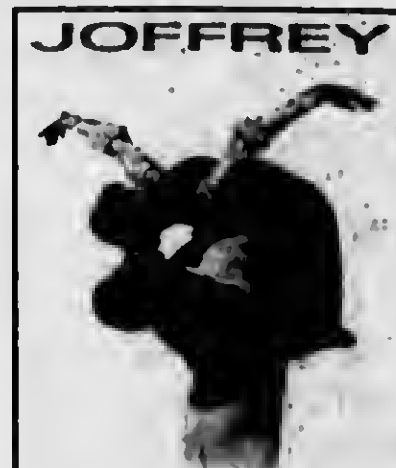
"Petrouchka" Michel Fokine's tale of an endearing and soulful marionette, from the Diaghilev era, will round out the program. Music was by Igor Stravinsky.

The Joffrey Ballet will present "A Nureyve Tribute" in nine performances only. For the second season, live orchestral accompaniment will be provided by the Chicago Sinfonietta, under the baton of Joffrey's Music Director and principal Conductor, Dr. Leslie Dunner.

Ticket prices are \$15-\$100, are now on sale at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University box office, all Ticketmaster Ticket centers, by telephone at 312-

902-1500 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Performance schedule is as follows: Wednesday Oct 13 at 7:30pm, Friday October 15 at 7:30pm, Saturday October 16 at 2 and 7:30pm, Sunday Oct 17 at 2pm, Friday Oct 22 at 7:30pm, Saturday Oct 23 at 2 and 7:30pm and Sunday Oct 24 at 2pm.



Homecoming Dinner Dance will celebrate the 101st parish anniversary.

St. Anthony of Padua Church of Roseland was founded 101 years ago., the homecoming dinner dance will be held on Saturday evening, October 9th, 2004 at Villa de Bruno, 198th and Stony Island in Lynwood.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, dinner at 7:30 p.m. and followed by dancing to the music of E Orchestra. There will be an open bar all evening.

Tickets are \$50 per per-

son and may be purchased at the rectory, 11533 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois or by phone 773-468-1200. Former Roseland residents now living in other states have indicated they will be attending.

State Street Dance Studio presents program at the Paramount Theatre

The Paramount Theatre in Aurora Illinois presents on October 16 at 7:30pm a program "The Stars of Dance Chicago" which brings together the best that Chicago dance has to offer through The State Street Dance Studio. The Studio is located in Geneva at 9 North Fourth Street.

"The Stars of Chicago" will bring together notable Chicago companies including River North Chicago Dance Company, The World Champion Trinity Irish Dance Company, Hubbard Street 2, Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, Dancers of the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago and many more.

Tickets for "The Stars of Chicago" are \$35/30/25 and can be purchased through Ticket Master or through The Paramount Box Office at 630-896-6666.

For more information about State Street Dance Studio, please call 630-232-0444.

Music & Dance Theater makes announcement

The Board of Trustees of Music and Dance Theater Chicago, Inc, are pleased to announce Michael Tiknis as the new managing Director of the Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance, located at 205 E. Randolph Drive. On October 15 he will replace the current General Manager, Joyce A. Moffatt who is re-

tiring.

Tiknis held the position of President/CEO of the Midland Center for Arts in Midland Michigan since 2000 and prior to that he worked with numerous orchestras across the country including the San Antonio, Cincinnati, Virginia, Buffalo, San Diego and Honolulu Symphonies' Orchestras.

Tiknis has successfully conducted several multi-million-dollar fundraising, capitol endowment, marketing and ticket sales campaigns with diverse and multi-ethnic communities and organizations. The Board Chair Sandra P. Guthman is thrilled to have hired Tiknis to carry on the work that Joyce begun in 1995.

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Little Company of Mary programs announced

Bright Beginnings Breakfast Club

LCM Hospital Health Education Center (LCMHHEC) is offering a free program presented by our Behavioral Health Experts. Join us for coffee and conversation on Thurs. October 14 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

Little Company Helps You Breathe Easier

LCMHHEC is offering a free "Asthma 101" program on Saturday, October 16 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Hospital professionals will conduct an adult workshop on how to take charge of your asthma. Information will include asthma triggers, treatment, and management and lifestyle changes to enhance your well being. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

Check Your Feet at Little Company

LCMHHEC is offering a free foot screening. Join Little Company podiatrists on Thursday, October 7 from

10 a.m. to noon at the Hospital location or Friday, October 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chicago Ridge location. Appointment needed. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

Free Adult Memory Assessment

LCMHHEC is offering a free assessment with Pat Scavuzzo, M.S., CCC-SLP, on Tuesday, October 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She will teach memory-enhancing techniques to increase your ability to remember. Appointment needed. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

Free Shoulder Screening

LCMHHEC is offering a free shoulder screening. Orthopedic Surgeon Mark Nikkel, D.O., will conduct a short presentation followed by a screening. Join us on Tuesday, October 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hospital location. Appointment needed. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

Little Company Presents Youth Babysitting Course

The "Supersitter" course is a Red Cross certified class for youths ages 11 to 14 years to learn babysitting skills using a Red Cross Handbook worth \$10. This class will be held on Monday, October 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee for this class is \$40.00. Please call 708.423.5774 for reservations.

The Abnormal Mammogram: Breast Imaging Today

LCMHHEC is offering a free program presented by Little Company Surgeon Lesley Wilcoxson, M.D. Join us Wednesday, October 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. A light dinner will be provided between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required so please call 708.423.5774

"What's Hot, What's Not - A Breast Surgeon's Perspective On Hormone Replacement Therapy"

LCMHHEC is sponsoring a Women's Wellness Event on Saturday, November 6 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Little Company Surgeon Lesley Wilcoxson, M.D., is the keynote speaker. The event includes comprehensive blood testing, blood oxygen levels, other health screenings and a continental breakfast. The fee for this entire event is \$50 (actual value is \$350). Reservations are required so please call 708.423.5774 by Friday, October 22.

Chicago Ridge Programs The Pressure Is On

LCMHHEC is offering a free educational program to help you make healthy changes that will enhance your life. The program will be at the LCMHHEC in Chicago Ridge Mall. Join us on Thursday, October 21 from 10 to 11 a.m., where nurses

will read your blood pressure upon completion of the presentation. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

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Join Joan Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., and Anne Bartolotta, R.N., M.S., as they teach skill-building techniques to channel your anger and better manage your stress. This enlightening program will be at the LCMHHEC in Chicago Ridge Mall on Saturday, October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee for this class is \$75.00. Please call 708.423.5774 for reservations.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for Oct 5th thru Oct 18th

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online at TheDailyPsychic.Com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Tell yourself to "back off" and "take some time for yourself!" You count too, you know! "They'll" understand! L and R involved.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If you are looking for a quick fix to a problem, you surely won't find it this week. It is as if you are in Limbo! K and C help, ask.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You get the "go ahead" on a project and seem to get what you want out of it. Okay! This is all good news right? B aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: The "situation" is the same but you are changing your attitude. Good! All you need is more confidence in yourself. M helps.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: No one can tell you how you feel or who has more pain than another! Such people are really off base. F involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Matters of your home and health are involved this week. You might find new medications or even a new doctor. A aids.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: If you are having trouble at work it is best to go right down the throat of the matter. Speak up! Protect your job. J aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: A money issue is solved this week or next. You should be able to do what needs doing, financially. P or D aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: "It's" a bigger decision than you think. But it has to be made because it concerns where you live or want to live! M involved.

Be part of a group to "go back in time" to see if we can recapture health & happiness, and more [Oct 20th]. Call us for more information. Are you depressed or overwhelmed? Try our "Talk Group." Again, call us for more information.

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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights: PBA & More

PBA [partial birth abortion] is not explained very well to the satisfaction of most people. R.P of Chicago's far south side wonders "How can this operation save or help the mother's life once the baby is already extracted? I truly don't understand such a procedure. Why do they have to ram a scissors up into the baby's brain to kill it after they take it out of the mother? Isn't this murder?" (I highly recommend Tex Marrs' book "Big sister Is Watching You" where the procedure is explained). Shirley from EP says the Medical authority can now get Stem Cells from the umbilical cord of the new born baby, so the partial birth procedure is not necessary. Mothers can donate these umbilical cords to science. And, there are so many people who are childless and would love to raise someone else's child. What justifies legalized murder? "When drug companies advertise for volunteers, aren't they really looking for guinea pigs?" asks Georgia from Tinley Pk. Truth: Some questions cannot be answered without sounding prejudiced.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It certainly does appear that the Village of Oak Lawn trustees cannot go forward with the train station, parking garage TIF as there has been a substantial change in the

plans of the TIF. The TIF statue states that any major change in the plan would call for another Joint Review Board and Public Hearing on the proposed plan. The major change that I am speak-

ing of is the addition of the Children's Museum.

The trustees are combining trains, cars, and buses in a lethal combination in the immediate vicinity of the Children's Museum. Children brought to the Museum by car would park in the parking garage, navigate the park-

ing garage with parents to get outside and immediately have to cross two street that handle the cars coming in and leaving the parking garage. To make matters worse, the buses that transport people to and from the trains use these two lanes also. There were over 30,000 children at the Museum last year and the museum directors expect to increase that number substantially. That is a lot of congestion.

Then there are the 30 plus trains each day and the tracks that children have to navi-

gate. There is also the huge problem of crossing 95th St. even if there is a light at that corner. Kids riding their bikes or walking to the museum have to watch for trains, buses, and cars, all very dangerous obstacles. There have been deaths involving children and adults crossing train tracks recently. We do not want to have another statistic because of the location of the Children's Museum.

There is another point to consider, and that is the quality of air in this area with all of the fumes from the buses,

trains, and cars. There will be a deleterious effect on children with allergies, asthma, and other illnesses. Certainly, that should be a consideration of the Trustees of Oak Lawn that has not been addressed. Yes, having a children's Museum is a substantial change that calls for another Joint Review Board and Public Hearing to comply with the legality of the TIF act and laws. This is a serious issue of health, welfare, safety, and well being of children and adults.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By: Kathy Whirity
kathywhirity@yahoo.com



A MIDNIGHT DANCE OF CAT AND MOUSE

There is an orange tabby, fluffy cat that lives across the street from us. I don't know its name, or even if it's a boy or girl, but I do enjoy watching this Morris lookalike as it lays peacefully on the porch or its lazily on the windowsill watching the world go by.

This has got to be the most laid back cat I think I've ever seen.

One afternoon it came strolling up to my husband Bill and I as we were getting out of the car. Our new furry friend followed us up to the front door, then turned back and plopped down in the middle of the street.

Oblivious to the onslaught of traffic heading its way, the cat casually sprawled out, gracefully grooming itself while we stood at the curb alerting the unsuspecting cars fast approaching.

The next day I found out we weren't the only ones with an unusual tabby tale to tell.

Our youngest daughter Katie was coming home, late from work, and noticed a strange occurrence by the light of the full moon.

She noticed the same sweet feline still as a statue on the lawn, across the street. A closer peek revealed what it was that was holding the tabby's attention — a tiny mouse scampering through the blades of grass withing reach of possibly razor sharp, menacing claws.

As Katie stood silently observing, she watched as this itty-bitty mouse flitted back and forth in an attempt to entice the kitty to play. Just when Katie was worried that the mini Mickey might become a midnight snack the mouse did something totally unexpected.

It stopped, looked up into the eyes of what is suppose to be his arch enemy and, reaching up on the tiniest of hind legs, he gave the cat what appeared to be a kiss on the nose.

With the light of the full moon brightening up the surrounding darkness Katie continued to watch as the unlikely duo played an innocent and heartfelt game of cat and mouse — not one of the violent variety.

Back and forth they tenderly interacted as two old and very wise friends.

Listening to my daughter recount the experience I got to wondering why it always shocks us when unusual acts of kindness go against the grain of what the world accepts as gospel.

After all, aren't cats and mice suppose to act like the Tom and Jerrys' of cartoon fame?

Aren't we automatically conditioned to draw the line in the sand from which our enemies are not cross?

At first Katie couldn't believe what she was seeing. But, it wasn't a case of her eyes playing tricks on her.

Somewhere beyond the gates of heaven God's message of love from above was shining through, loud and clear.

The cat and mouse enjoying a midnight dance together in the stillness of a moonlit night, under a star filled sky, answered the unending question—with love, aren't all things possible?

The Internet Reshapes the way we buy and sell homes

Many real estate agencies have upgraded their websites and redesigned them with great input from the ground up...Re/MAX and its competitors new sites permit visitors to view all the 70,000 plus residential and commercial properties offered by the Multiple Listing Service.

Visitors to the site can search easily for properties by county, city, neighborhood, zip code, or school district, as well as by home features, such as bedrooms and baths...almost any imaginable mix of features can be used to define each search, thus allowing buyers to cast their nets as broadly or narrowly as their needs and tastes dictate.

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include information on current mortgage rates, a mortgage payment calculator, and the ability to create a personal on-line property portfolio.

While a visitor can see all the RE/MAX listings, they must register to view other listings in order to comply with regulations set by the Illinois Association of Realtors.

Buyers and Sellers can get notification within 24 hours whenever properties of interest on the market or when new photos or virtual tour becomes available. But RE/MAX agents don't see the internet as a threat to their business. "As much as buyers like to use the Internet, rarely will they make an offer based on viewing the data and photos on their computers," says Kroc. "Nothing is going to replace walking through homes to assess their condition, interior layout, surroundings, etc."

So the Internet is a tool, not a substitute for in-person visits and professional advice of a well-qualified agent.

Southside Garden Novices to meet

The Southside Garden Novices will meet on Tuesday, October 12th, at 7 pm in the Chicago Ridge Village Hall (east entry), 10455 S. Ridgeland Ave.

The speaker will be Laury Lewis, who will show slides of Chicagoland Annuals and Perennials. There will be a \$2 fee for non-members.

For more information, please call 708 / 636-7931

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Property Tax Appeal Time

Cook County Commissioner Maureen Murphy indicated as the first elected suburban Commissioner on the County Board, I'll clarify for you the taxpayer your property tax bill rights. My responsibility is to 1) inform you of your appeal options, and 2) ensure your property is fairly assessed.

Commissioner Murphy will be planning numerous seminars on property tax appeal process. She has been primary speaker at over one hundred engagements. Organizations hosting Commissioner Murphy in the past have included, The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, The City Club of Chicago, The Civic Federation, The Northwest Association of Realtors, The Chicago Bar Association and many other local suburban groups, clubs and associations.

Timing is critical for filing of appeals at the Board of Review (BoR). You must file the appeal application before the end of the thirty-day period that the township is open. A notice will appear in your local paper prior to your township's opening. They are opened in random order between September and June. You may pre-file the appeal application with the BoR anytime after the BoR has opened its current session. Applications can be picked up at several locations.

Local Property Assessment offices are in Bridgeview at 10200 76th Ave. Room 237 (708-974-6074) and in Markham at 16501 S. Kedzie Ave. Room 237. (708-210-4116). Commissioner Murphy's number is 312-603-3644 to receive a mailed application.

Prior to filing check your address, PIN #, square footage, lot size, etc. Check on the second installment of the tax bill to see if you are receiving your homeowners, and/or senior exemption. If you aren't getting either and are entitled to one or both, inform the Assessor's office.

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Local moviemaker comes home

By Marijo Doody

Born and raised in the western suburb, Aurora, Rodney Lee Conover left after college for Los Angeles. In September he came home with the promotion and release of his romantic comedy, "BachelorMan." This is his first entry into filmmaking. In conversation with Rodney, he expressed that he is thrilled to be back home and the movie has given him success. He has been in bit TV and movie rolls.

"BachelorMan" shows the art of the chase between sexes, the comedy and the laughter. The stars are as follows: David DeLuise (Dom's son), Missi Pyle (star in "50 First Dates" and "Along Came Polly") and Rodney Conover. At the Premier at the AMC Theater in Chicago's loop, David and Missi were two of the beautiful people who were thrilled to be in Chicago.

"BachelorMan" is a chick flick. Ted Davis, played by David DeLuise, is cute, charming and is optimistic in believing women are God's gift to him. In the bar scenes, the male mind works like a computer in pursuing the female to gain her favors. Ted is the ringleader of the guy group. Heather, played by Missi Pyle is his neighbor who he is drawn to, because she does ignore him. Does he get snubbed forever? Go see the film. Ted's number 1 bachelor tip: Never take tips on love and romance. "BachelorMan" is R rated and was given 3 stars.



"Bachelor Man"

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St. Rita High holds Academic Olympics

St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., will hold its 12th annual Academic Olympics Day for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls on Thursday, October 7th at 4 pm.

The event will feature individual academic competition in four different subject areas: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Participants will compete in all four areas by taking an exam in each subject.

Tours of the campus will also be available to parents during the event. All students will be served dinner and receive a shirt for participating in the event. Awards will be given to the top three students in each category and to the top four overall test averages. The event is free.

To register, call 773-925-RITA or email the participant's name, grade and school to quinn@stritahs.com.

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St. Laurence Summer Leadership

Five St. Laurence students continued their leadership development during the summer months by attending leadership conferences. Pedro Salcedo (Scottsdale, seated, left), Joseph Volin (Garfield Ridge, seated, center) and Kris Fortman (Willow Springs, standing, right) all attended the week long Boys' State Convention at

Eastern Illinois University. Boys' State is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is intended to introduce boys to leadership in good citizenship and the political process. Robert Larios (Back of the Yards, standing, left) was a participant in the three day Northern Illinois Leadership Seminar held at Northeastern Illinois University.

Michael Clark (West Eldon, seated, far right) was St. Laurence's HOBY ambassador. HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) is a national organization which instills leadership values and skills in high sophomores through regional training sessions. Mark Scott, Vice President in Charge of Leadership at St. Laurence, commented

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St. Laurence blood program honored

St. Laurence High School received a check for \$500 for its scholarship fund from the LifeSource Blood Program in appreciation of the school's efforts in sponsoring blood drives to aid the community.

The Activities Staff, under the direction of Cindy Koss, sponsors two blood drives a year to donate to the LifeSource program. Vicki Pales, Team Account Manager for Life Source, pre-

sented the check to the school and congratulated the students on their fine and generous work. Pictured here are (left to right) Br. Michael Segvich, Principal; Vicki Pales, Zach Hausner (Scottsdale), Student Council President, Brian Cerny (Burbank) and Chris Prohaska (Oak Lawn), Activities Staff members, and Cindy Koss, Director of Student Activities.

"these young men are to be congratulated on their extra efforts in developing them-

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Students grades 4 through 12 are eligible to enter the literature contest. To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, either fiction or non-fiction, contemporary or classic, explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. The Illinois Center for the Book will select the top essayists in the state on each of the three competition levels: Level I for children grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7-8, and Level III for grades 9-12. At the state level, the winning essayist on each level will receive a cash award from the Illinois Center for the Book, a \$50 Target Gift Card, and a plaque from Secretary White. The first-place winners will then advance for national judging. Two national winners will be selected from each competition level, and these six national winners will each receive a \$500 gift card from Target Stores. Target will also sponsor travel to the 2005 National Bank Festival in Washington D.C. for the winners, their par-

ents or guardians, and one of their teachers. The national winners will read their winning letters during the festival and will tour sites within the nation's capitol.

Secretary Of State Jesse White encourages students to enter the contest. The deadline for entries is December 4, 2004. All state and national winners will be notified by April 1, 2005. Contestant participation guidelines and entry coupons have been mailed to all Illinois schools housing grades 4-12. A teacher guide along with additional entry coupons and contest participation guidelines are available by calling the Illinois Center for the Book at 217-558-2065 or at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/icb.html


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A reunion is scheduled to be held October 15 - 17, 2004, Oak Lawn Community High School Homecoming Weekend, for alumni of the 60s.

If you attended OLCHS during the decade of the 60s and would like further details of the amazing weekend we have planned, please contact Dian Gambon Lake at Dian46@comcast.net; Marlene DeVries Johnson at Antyma7@aol.com; or write to OLCHS All 60s Reunion Committee, 6300 Barbara Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477.

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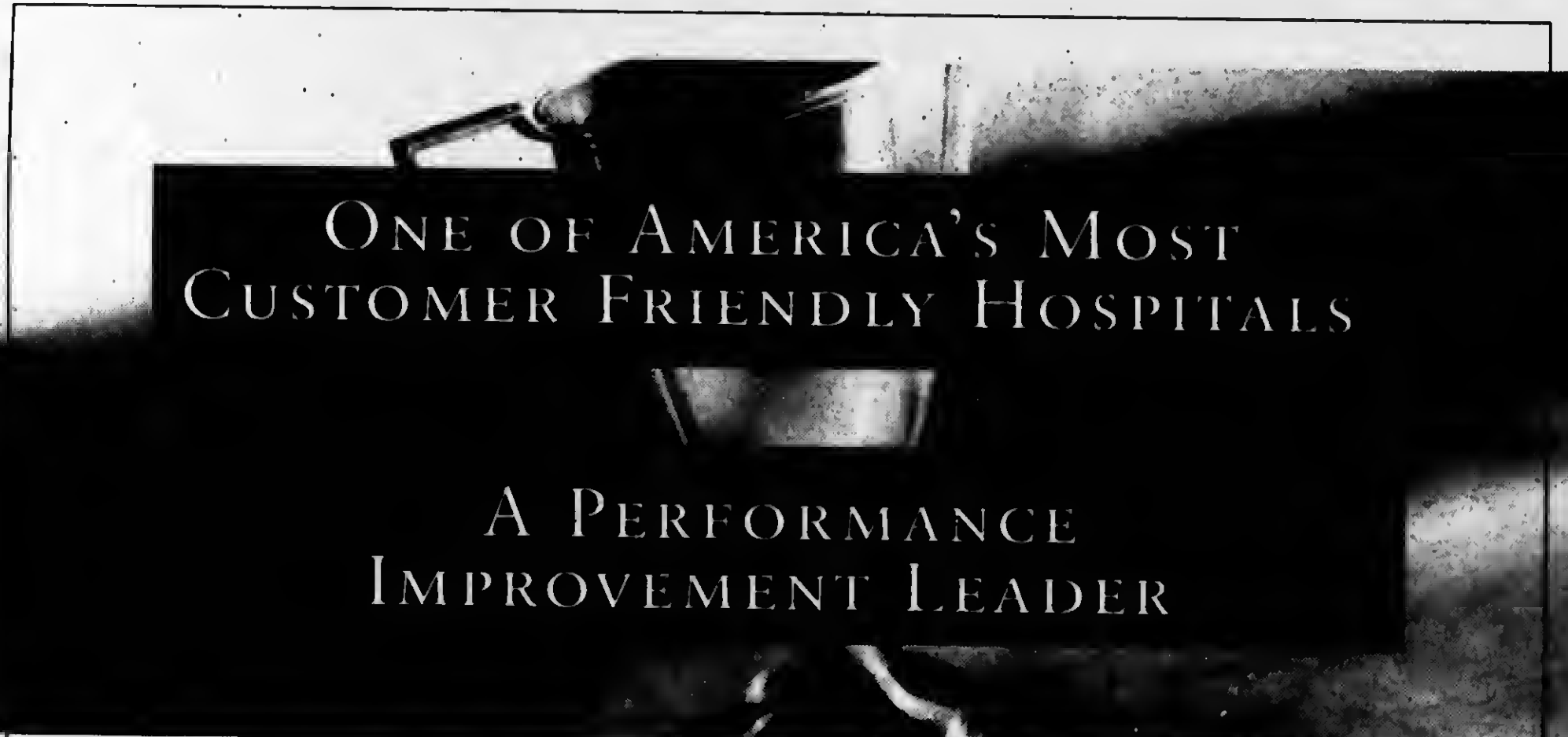
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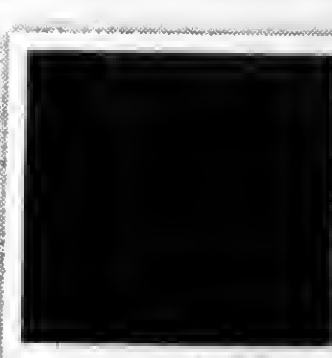
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Tinley Park Library announces programming

The youth services department of the Tinley Park Library invites kids in grades 4-5 to our once-a-month book discussion. The next session is on Friday October 22 from 7-7:45pm. Register and pick up the discussion books beginning Monday, October 4 at the Youth Services Reference desk.

Get cozy with a book this fall by joining our Hug a Book Reading Club at the Tinley Park Library. Children ages birth through kindergarten can apply for their own library card and earn great prizes by having their

parent/guardian read twenty books to them in four weeks. Register now through Monday, Oct. 4 at the Youth Services Reference desk. The club ends Monday October 18. To apply for a library card the child must be accompanied by their parent/guardian who must have one form of valid ID to prove residency.

Kids come dressed and ready for bed to the brand new family story-time. Children from 2 through 8 and their parents/guardians are invited on Friday, Oct. 15 from 7-7:45pm to join in an

evening of stories and relaxation. Register for Pajamarama either in person or at the library located at 7851 Timber Drive, Tinley Park. Learn how to do magic tricks at the TPL on Monday, Oct. 11, from 7-8pm. Register in person or call 708-532-0160 x 2.

Singer and storyteller, Donna Nowak performs a homage to American musical traditions, including Dixieland, blues, gospel, country-western and Broadway on Sunday October 17 at 2pm. Call (x-3) or register in person.

Adult book discussion groups will meet on Wed. Oct 13 at 1:30 to discuss "Housekeeping" by Marilynne Robinson and on Tues. Oct 26 at 7:30 to discuss "The Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson. Books will be available upon request. Call (x-1).

Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 16, Saturday, October 23, and Saturday, October 30. Please call if you have any questions.

St. Michael's School welcomes a new art teacher.

Mrs. Carlin Glennon will be teaching art to grades 1-8 at St. Michael's for 2004-2005. She has been subbing in the art program for the past few years and has had three children who graduated from St. Michael. Jim Muting, Principal, says she has a wealth of knowledge and creativity and will add much to their art program.

Absentee voting information

NOVEMBER 2, 2004 - GENERAL ELECTION

As a service to Orland Park residents, Village Clerk David P. Maher will offer absentee voting in the Clerk's Office located in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 Ravinia Avenue. Absentee voting is available from Tuesday, October 12 until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2004. Occasionally, a court challenge may delay shipment of absentee materials so residents are encouraged to call (708) 403-6150 before coming in to vote.

Absentee voting is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Orland Park Recreation Dept to host "Magic Mania"

Saturday Afternoon Program Explores Facets of Magic

The world of magic intrigues all ages, especially those in grammar school. Area residents, age eight through twelve, will learn more about magic when the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department hosts "Magic Mania" on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 12:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M.

Orland Fire Protection District to observe Fire Prevention Week

Activity Filled Month Includes Open House, School Visits & Station Tours

Fire service agencies across the country will observe National Fire Prevention Week October 3rd through October 9th, 2004. National Fire Prevention Week was established in 1922 and has always included October 9th, the anniversary of the 1871 Great Chicago Fire. The theme of this year's campaign is "Test Your Smoke Detector."

Like its counterparts across the nation, the Orland Fire Protection District will sponsor a number of public education activities. From October 4th through November 15th, the district has a full schedule of station tours, daycare center and school visits planned for throughout the district. Area school children have been invited to participate in the district's annual coloring contest.

"Fire Prevention Week is always an important time and a busy time for fire service agencies," said Orland Fire Chief Don Bettenhausen. "It gives our personnel the opportunity to meet the citizens of the district in a comfortable, non-emergency setting. It also enables us to show the residents many of the life-saving programs that the district sponsors," the chief added.

The highlight of Fire Prevention Week within the Orland Fire Protection District will be the Saturday, October 9th Open House hosted at Orland Fire Station #1, 9790 West 151st Street, from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Fire safety activities at the Open House will include tours of Orland Station #1, displayed apparatus, the Orland Fire Protection District Bike Medics, fire safety videos, Kid Gear, a coloring table, Car Seat Safety Display, and "Stop, drop and roll" demonstrations.

A number of Orland area agencies will host informational tables at the Open House, including the Orland Park Police Department, Orland Township, Orland Fire Firefighters Local #2754, Orland Hills Police Cadets, Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, My Gym and Home Instead Senior Care.

Open House demonstrations outside of Orland Fire Station #1 will include the Orland Park Police Department K-9 Unit, EM50 Dive Team Rescue Vehicle, opportunities to ride in a firetruck bucket, the Orland Fire District Safety Trailer, car cutting demonstration, a fire engine blow up slide and tours of the district's Communications Center. The Loyola Lifestar Helicopter is scheduled to land at 1:00 P.M.

Further information about the Orland Fire Protection District's observance of Fire Prevention Week is available by calling the district's non-emergency number, 708/349-0074.

"Magic Mania is a one-time afternoon program that will absolutely fascinate this particular age group," said Orland Park Recreation Supervisor LeeAnn Fisk.

"The afternoon includes participating in Professor Presto's magic class, a Making Magic With Balloons class and watching a live magic show," Fisk added.

Each participant will receive a magic wand, bag of tricks, balloon pump and balloons to take home.

Pre-registration is required at either the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center at 14650 South Ravinia or the Village Sportsplex at 11351 West 159th Street. The cost for village residents is \$20 while non-residents pay \$25.

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK or 708/645-PLAY.

St. Michael's student receives prestigious art award.

Danielle Inzinga, will appear as "The Young Artist" in the October 2004 issue of *Arts and Activities*. Danielle is a student of St. Michael's School in Orland Park.



Check out
NumAstrology
prediction on p.6
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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for Oct 5th thru Oct 18th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*NumAstrology*) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online at *TheDailyPsychic.Com*

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Tell yourself to "back off" and "take some time for yourself." You count too, you know! "They'll" understand! L and R involved.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If you are looking for a quick fix to a problem, you surely won't find it this week. It is as if you are in Limbo! K and C help, ask.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You get the "go ahead" on a project and seem to get what you want out of it. Okay! This is all good news right? B aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: The "situation" is the same but you are changing your attitude. Good! All you need is more confidence in yourself. M helps.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: No one can tell you how you feel or who has more pain than another! Such people are really off base. F involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Matters of your home and health are involved this week. You might find new medications or even a new doctor. A aids.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: If you are having trouble at work it is best to go right down the throat of the matter. Speak up! Protect your job. J aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: A money issue is solved this week or next. You should be able to do what needs doing, financially. P or D aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: "It's" a bigger decision than you think. But it has to be made because it concerns where you live or want to live! M involved.

Be part of a group to "*go back in time*" to see if we can recapture health & happiness, and more [Oct 20th]. Call us for more information. Are you depressed or overwhelmed? Try our "*Talk Group*." Again, call us for more information.

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"One-on-One Mini-Sessions" at **Oak Forest Bowl Oct 4th & 18th** from 7 to 8:30pm [152nd & S. Cicero]. I'm there the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. Appts/walk-in's welcomed. Call us for info/appts at **708-597-5866 or 6721**. Can be taped/add \$5.

Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights:

PBA & More

PBA [partial birth abortion] is not explained very well to the satisfaction of most people. R.P of Chicago's far south side wonders "How can this operation save or help the mother's life once the baby is already extracted? I truly don't understand such a procedure. Why do they have to ram a scissors up into the baby's brain to kill it after they take it out of the mother? Isn't this murder?" (I highly recommend Tex Marrs' book "Big sister Is Watching You" where the procedure is explained). Shirley from EP says the Medical authority can now get Stem Cells from the umbilical cord of the new born baby, so the partial birth procedure is not necessary. Mothers can donate these umbilical cords to science. And, there are so many people who are childless and would love to raise someone else's child. What justifies legalized murder? "When drug companies advertise for volunteers, aren't they really looking for guinea pigs?" asks Georgia from Tinley Pk. *Truth*: Some questions cannot be answered without sounding prejudiced.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Plan Moraine Valley Community College Campus Field Trips

School and Community groups can hear what the college has to offer people of all ages from educational opportunities. Options include:

Star-gazing through the new telescope on the G.Jack Bradley Observation Deck.

Exploring plant and animal life in the Nature Study Area.

Looking behind the scenes in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Discovering the latest computer technology in one of 40+ computer labs.

Experiencing allied health and science labs first-hand.

Learning about exercise and nutrition in the Health Fitness center.

Campus visits can be individually suited to the needs of each group, and can range from 30 minutes to several hours. All size groups are welcome, and dining on campus can also be arranged. More information about touring is available on the college's website, www.morainevalley.edu/tourmv.

Contact person Marianne Naughton, 708-974-5281 or email naughton@morainevalley.edu

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Pull over if you must read or write, do not take notes while driving.

Use voice mail to pick up your call if it is not safe to answer the phone.

Try to use your cell phone while your car is stopped, but if you must use it while driving, dial in short segments, check the traffic situation, and then dial again. Do not allow your conversation to distract you from safe driving.

Fall program registration is underway at the Tinley Park Public Library.

A variety of programs are being offered at the library, 7851 Timber Drive, for all age groups, including Storytimes, Young Adult Book Discussions, and the adult World Travel program, which will be visiting the Canadian Rockies and Native

Plants and Wetland Ecology. Please call 708-532-0160 x 3 for adult program information and x2 for youth program information.



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Chicago Ridge RidgeFest a Success

By Matt Mayer

RidgeFest committee Chairman, Village Clerk Charles Tokar reported revenues from RidgeFest were up \$2,700.00 over last year, at the Sept 21. Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The village will present donations for the three charities that the village supports, Tokar said. Tokar requested and the board approved to negotiate a contract with the Lt. Dan Band for the 2005 RidgeFest. The band includes actor Gary Sinise who played in the "Forest Gump" film as a disabled Vietnam War veteran in a wheel chair and is also the star in the new series "CSI New York". In addition to the bands fee, the band also requests that money be donated to charity.

Tokar said he doesn't provide the contract amounts for each band. He believes publishing this information would harm the village's negotiating powers. "I believe the village pays far less for entertainment than other communities that hold such festivals", Tokar said.

The board approved \$98,033.40 for Crowley-Sheppard for the Menard Ave extension, which includes a \$29,000.00 reimbursement from Crowley-Sheppard. A business license for Nail-Tek at 10604 S. Ridgeland Ave was also approved.

The board approved a public works request for a 50-50 commercial sidewalk program for the repairs of existing sidewalks only. A Fire Department request for \$6,100.00 for an alerting upgrade at Station 1 was also approved.



Halloween Capers

Aaron and Arielle Pilcher, ten-year-old twins from Palos Heights and students at Navajo School, found out that Halloween can be scary fun at Navy Pier. The twins

check out the ghost ship, now docked at Navy Pier, complete with frightful pirates who add to the night that's traditionally full of frightening fun for kids of all ages.

CVS Pharmacies are offering free wrist bracelets for all kids which gives them entry to board the Pirate Ship. Adjacent to the boat are other "jumpers" and games geared for a high old time.

The free bracelet offer continues up to Oct. 31.

Palos Park Woman's Club wants you!

Come join us at our October 14th meeting. Membership is open to all women interested in supporting the efforts of the Club. Anyone interested in signing up or learning more about the Palos Park Woman's Club can stop by the Presbyterian Church at 12312 S. 88th Ave, Palos Park on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am or any questions contact Membership-Diane Goerg at 708-612-1105.

From the Village of Palos Park Clerk's office

NOVEMBER 2nd GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION:

Tuesday, October 5th is the last day that the Village Clerk's Office can accept voter registration for the November 2nd General Election.

Please phone 671-3706 or 448-3474 if you have special needs. We are able to bring the voter registration form to your home for completion.

MAIL-IN ABSENTEE VOTING:

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fice is now in receipt of applications for mail in ballots for residents unable to vote at the polls on November 2nd. The application must be completed, mailed, and received by the Cook County Clerk's Office prior to October 28th. The County Clerk will then forward a ballot, which must be voted, and mailed back to the County Clerk.

IN-HOUSE ABSENTEE VOTING:

We will also provide in-house absentee voting at the Kaptur Administrative Cen-

ter. Cook County voting booths will be installed at the KAC from October 12th through November 1st. Residents unable to vote on election day may come in and vote on Monday from 9 am until 8 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am until 5 pm. We will also be available for in-house absentee voting on Saturdays, October 16th, 23rd and 30th from 9 am until noon.

GENERAL ELECTION:

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OFFICES BEING CONSIDERED NOVEMBER 2ND:

U.S. President and Vice President, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, State Senators, State House of Representatives, County Circuit Court Clerk, County Recorder of Deeds, State's Attorney, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation Board. The Cook County Clerk's

website(www.voterinfo.net.com) will provide a virtual ballot to you approximately one month prior to the election.

VILLAGE REFERENDUM: The following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Village at the November 2nd General Election: "Shall the Village of Palos Park impose a tax under the Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax Act (65 ILCS 5/8-11.1.3) at the rate of 1/2 of 1% for expenditure on public infrastructure and impose a tax under the Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax Act (65 ILCS 5/8-11.1.4) at the rate of 1/2 of 1% for expenditure on public infrastructure?" Information and facts regarding this proposition can be found in

this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming General Election or absentee voting, please phone 671-3704, 671-3706, or 448-3474. Additional election information will be posted on the Village website, www.palos park.org, and the Cook County Clerk's website, www.voterinfo.net.com.



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NumAstrology & You

Copr. 2004 by Jacki Mari & Alyn
PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for Oct 5th thru Oct 18th

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (If given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online at TheDailyPsychic.Com

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Tell yourself to "back off" and "take some time for yourself!" You count too, you know! "They'll" understand! L and R involved.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If you are looking for a quick fix to a problem, you surely won't find it this week. It is as if you are in Limbo! K and C help, ask.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You get the "go ahead" on a project and seem to get what you want out of it. Okay! This is all good news right? B aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: The "situation" is the same but you are changing your attitude. Good! All you need is more confidence in yourself. M helps.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: No one can tell you how you feel or who has more pain than another! Such people are really off base. F involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Matters of your home and health are involved this week. You might find new medications or even a new doctor. A aids.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: If you are having trouble at work it is best to go right down the throat of the matter. Speak up! Protect your job. J aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: A money issue is solved this week or next. You should be able to do what needs doing, financially. P or D aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: "It's" a bigger decision than you think. But it has to be made because it concerns where you live or want to live! M involved.

Be part of a group to "go back in time" to see if we can recapture health & happiness, and more [Oct 20th]. Call us for more information. Are you depressed or overwhelmed? Try our "Talk Group." Again, call us for more information.

My regular **Psychic Sessions**, **Mini-Sessions**, and "Wt. Loss Hypnosis" at an affordable price are available to you, and we also offer Hypnotherapy & Intuitive Counseling Services, for both adults and children. It's amazing how the intuitive insight can benefit you in your pursuit of truth and understanding. Call us at 708-597-5866 or 6721 for information or appointment by phone or in-person at The Baymont Inn/Alsip.

I do **House Parties** for 5-10 guests, and it's really special. Each person's session is taped for their later recall. Side 2 is a gift from us of their own Birthday Angel information. And for just 1 or 2 questions, you can go online at ePSYCHICAnswers in JackiMari.Com... it's only \$19.95, and I usually respond within 24 hours!

My newest tape is SHHH...for healing, calming, and more. It's a must! \$10.95 total cost. Call us or write to POB 802, Oak Lawn IL 60454.

Gift idea: "AstroPath" reveals what life has dealt out "to you" for this lifetime. NumAstrology Profiles identify what "is potentially yours." Special price at \$19.95 for both [includes postage]. Free AstroPath w/45/60 or 90 min session.

"One-on-One Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl Oct 4th & 18th from 7 to 8:30pm [152nd & S. Cicero]. I'm there the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. Appts/walk-in's welcomed. Call us for info/appts at 708-597-5866 or 6721. Can be taped/add \$5.

Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights: PBA & More

PBA [partial birth abortion] is not explained very well to the satisfaction of most people. R.P. of Chicago's far south side wonders "How can this operation save or help the mother's life once the baby is already extracted? I truly don't understand such a procedure. Why do they have to ram a scissors up into the baby's brain to kill it after they take it out of the mother? Isn't this murder?" (I highly recommend Tex Marrs' book "Big sister Is Watching You" where the procedure is explained). Shirley from EP says the Medical authority can now get Stem Cells from the umbilical cord of the new born baby, so the partial birth procedure is not necessary. Mothers can donate these umbilical cords to science. And, there are so many people who are childless and would love to raise someone else's child. What justifies legalized murder? "When drug companies advertise for volunteers, aren't they really looking for guinea pigs?" asks Georgia from Tinley Pk. **Truth:** Some questions cannot be answered without sounding prejudiced.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It certainly does appear that the Village of Oak Lawn trustees cannot go forward with the train station, parking garage TIF as there has been a substantial change in the

plans of the TIF. The TIF statue states that any major change in the plan would call for another Joint Review Board and Public Hearing on the proposed plan. The major change that I am speak-

ing of is the addition of the Children's Museum.

The trustees are combining trains, cars, and buses in a lethal combination in the immediate vicinity of the Children's Museum. Children brought to the Museum by car would park in the parking garage, navigate the park-

ing garage with parents to get outside and immediately have to cross two street that handle the cars coming in and leaving the parking garage. To make matters worse, the buses that transport people to and from the trains use these two lanes also. There were over 30,000 children at the Museum last year and the museum directors expect to increase that number substantially. That is a lot of congestion.

Then there are the 30 plus trains each day and the tracks that children have to navi-

gate. There is also the huge problem of crossing 95th St. even if there is a light at that corner. Kids riding their bikes or walking to the museum have to watch for trains, buses, and cars, all very dangerous obstacles. There have been deaths involving children and adults crossing train tracks recently. We do not want to have another statistic because of the location of the Children's Museum.

There is another point to consider, and that is the quality of air in this area with all of the fumes from the buses,

trains, and cars. There will be a deleterious effect on children with allergies, asthma, and other illnesses. Certainly, that should be a consideration of the Trustees of Oak Lawn that has not been addressed. Yes, having a children's Museum is a substantial change that calls for another Joint Review Board and Public Hearing to comply with the legality of the TIF act and laws. This is a serious issue of health, welfare, safety, and well being of children and adults.

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Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. recently spoke to the student body at Culver Academy on the importance of developing leadership skills. On his visit, President Stroger had the opportunity to talk with Culver Cadets Jim Nguyen of Evergreen Park and Kolin Pound of Flossmoor.

Mayor's coalition committee announces full slate

The Mayor's Coalition Committee is pleased to announce that Mary F. Cerceo has accepted the offer to run as Clerk for the Village of Oak Lawn. Cerceo will join incumbent Clerk Jayne Powers, Candidate for Village President and incumbent Trustees Ron Stancik (District 2), Steve Rosebaum (District 4) and Bill Keane (District 6) as the "Village Vision Party's 2005 slate."

Cerceo, 46, is currently employed in an Administrative capacity at the University of Chicago. She has an extensive background in grant submission and personnel responsibilities. She is a 18 year resident of Oak Lawn. During this period, Cerceo has been elected to both School District 123 and School District 229 Boards of Education. Additionally, she has served as a member of the Planning and Development Commission and Traffic Review Commission

for the Village of Oak Lawn.

Upon acceptance, Cerceo stated, "I am very pleased to join with my colleagues as we build upon the many strengths of the community." Cerceo is married to Tom and has three children, Anthony, Tom and Maddie.



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Evergreen Park Clerk receives Designation of Registered Municipal Clerk

by Matt Mayer

The Oct 4, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting once again commenced on a somber note when Mayor James Sexton announced that another longtime friend and veteran Police Officer John Brines had passed away - his funeral was that morning. "He will be missed by all", Sexton said. According to Police Chief Michael Saunders, Brines distinguished career began Feb 1, 1966 and spanned more than three decades. Brines retired from the police force as a Police LT on Jun 14, 1998.

Mayor Sexton announced that Village Clerk Catherine Aparo received the designation of Registered Municipal Clerk. "I expect she will be

designated a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) within a short period of time," Sexton said. "The village has applied for and has received a third grant from Homeland Security, which will be used to purchase a compressor for the Fire Department" Sexton said.

The board approved a request from Police Chief Saunders to enter into the Fifth District Rapid Response Team Intergovernmental Agreement.

Saunders outlined the agreement by saying the Fifth District Police Chiefs saw a need existed to assemble a highly trained group for a reaction team. This team would serve member agencies in the Fifth District if mutual aid were re-

quested. "For example, additional officers would be dispatched to our jurisdiction if a critical situation were to arise such as a hostage situation", Saunders said.

The board approved the following business regulation certificates: Sophista, LTD, a hair and nail salon at 3749 W. 95th St; Romi Sethi M.D., 9760 S. Kedzie Ave; AFSCME Personal Support Program, a union based employee assistance program and counseling office at 9730 S. Western Ave, Suite 206; Sprint PCS, retail sales of wireless communication devices at 2525 W. 95th St, Suite 100; David A. Gerst, D.P.M. a podiatrist office at 10002 S. Kedzie Ave; Maple Mysels by Weiss, a retail specialty store in the Plaza; and Class Mate LTD, retail sales of teacher, parent and student supplies at 3619-3625 W. 95th St. A request for a lot coverage variation for the construction of a home addition at 10139 Clifton Park was also approved.

Services and the Little Company of Mary Health Center/Auburn Gresham Facility.

More than 170 supporters came out for a day of golf combined with friends and laughter, all in support of a great cause. Jim Galbraith and Larry and Sheila Yakutis chaired the event. A thank you was extended to the entire hard-working committee and all the supporters of the outing.

The Maternity Services unit offers a Maternal Fetal Medicine program for high-risk pregnancies and a variety of comprehensive classes and programs to meet woman's needs before and after delivery.

The Little Company of

Mary Health Center/Auburn Gresham Facility was created to provide primary care to Little Company Golf Outing raises more than \$50,000

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation's fifth annual gold outing at Green Country Club in Frankfort raised more than \$50,000 for Little Company's Maternity seniors in the community around 95th and Halsted St.

The center features 12 exam rooms, one minor procedure room and a spacious lobby that will accommodate community education classes.



Many foursomes were among the 170 people who supported the Little Company of Mary Health Centers on September 10 at Green Garden Country Club I Frankfort.

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News of our service personnel

Air Force 1st Lt. Scott E. Denny has arrived for duty at the 65th Operation Support Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal.

The lieutenant has also been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to individuals for performance of meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding achievements or accomplishments rendered specifically on behalf of the Air Force. Denny is an airfield operations flight/operations officer

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with 16 years of military service.

He is the son of Earl B. Denny of Romeo Road, Romeoville, Ill., and Maureen L. Denny of Burry Circle Drive, Crest Hill, Ill. His wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Joseph A. and Sandra Wontor of Cottonwood Drive, Tinley Park, Ill. In 1988, Denny graduated from Curie High School, Chicago, Ill., and in 2001, he received a bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Panama City, Fla.

Mark A. Hamstra has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

The training provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course.

He is the son of San and Debbie L. Hamstra of W. 127th St., Palos Heights, Ill. Hamstra is a 2001 graduate of Chicago Christian High School, Palos Heights.

Army Staff Sgt. Terry T. O'Neill has been inducted into the Sgt. Audie L. Murphy Club, a club formed in 1986 in honor of the Army's World War II most decorated combat soldier, Audie Leon Murphy.

The elite organization is composed of noncommissioned officers who have demonstrated their inherent leadership qualities and abilities, military knowledge and skills, and courage in performance of assigned duties and responsibilities as characterized by Sergeant Murphy.

Inductees must be sponsored by their first sergeant and recommended by their unit commander. The candidates are reviewed and evaluated by a high ranking

Women at War

Operation Iraqi Freedom is pushing the boundaries for women at war. Never before have women played such extensive roles in combat.

The lack of a clearly defined 'battlefield' means women face the same threats as men serving in combat-specific military specialties. More than 20 women have been killed in Iraq and about 150 wounded. Their stories captivated public interest and came to symbolize key moments in the war. There was the ambush on the road to Baghdad with Jessica Lynch, Lori Piestawa and Shoshana Johnson. Then there was the death of Michelle Witmer, one of three sisters serving in Iraq with the Wisconsin National Guard. Finally there were the Abu Ghraib prison abuses, with Pfc. Lynndie England and Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski.

The evolving role of women in the military was among the topics addressed during the third National Summit on Women Veterans Issues June 18-20 in Washington, D.C. More than 300 women veterans attended the event. They came together to develop recommendations on how to better serve women veterans' needs. The program featured a series of workshops with topics ranging from homelessness and employment assistance to women's health and military sexual trauma.

"VA cannot do it alone. We need to work together," said Dr. Irene Trowell-Harris, a former major general in the Air National Guard who now directs the VA Center for Women Veterans. The team effort included individual veterans, various VA headquarters offices, other federal agencies and veterans service organizations.

By bringing federal agencies together with the women who use their services, organizers hope to identify what's working and what isn't.

selection board who question, test, and score soldiers on their level of knowledge in a range of subjects that warrant induction. Of the few inductees who are recommended, a very low percentage are selected as qualified members.

O'Neill, a senior fire control sergeant, is assigned to

"Women are the fastest growing veteran population. We want VA to have the resources necessary to meet their needs, and that's an ongoing process," said participant Joy Ilem, an Army veteran and assistant national legislative director for the Disabled American Veterans.

About a dozen members of the Tennessee Valley Women Veterans Network attended the event. They brought their "Wall of Honor" exhibit, which details the history of women in the military. It was one of about 20 exhibits on display.

MaryAnn Woodward-Smith, the women veterans program manager at the VA hospital in Nashville, started the network in 1997 to reach out to women veterans living in middle Tennessee. Today, the group has evolved into a "sisterhood" of about 300 members who perform outreach and various community projects. In 1998, they helped establish Angel's Landing, the state's first transitional living shelter for women veterans.

The summit gave attendees an opportunity to learn more about various issues. Many expressed particular interest in the mental health and sexual trauma workshop.

The subject made headlines in early June when the Army reported a steady rise in sexual assaults over the last five years. View the full report at: www4.army.mil/ocpa/reports/index.html. A June 3 Washington Post story showed the number of reported sexual assaults in the Army rose from 658 in 1999 to 783 in 2002, an increase of 19 percent. The findings could mean an increase in future demand for VA sexual trauma services.

Currently, approximately 2 percent of men and 20 percent of women veterans seeking VA services experienced some form of sexual trauma

from harassment to rape, according to VA screening database figures. Treating sexual trauma is difficult, experts say, because the symptoms can manifest in a variety of physical or mental conditions.

"Sexual trauma is very elusive. It can't be put in a box," said Carole L. Turner, R.N., an Air Force veteran who serves as director of the Women Veterans Health Program in the Veterans Health Administration. "Our providers are structuring individual treatment plans based on the veterans' specific needs. ... We have a duty to assist. And we have a vast amount of resources, expertise and legislative support to help these veterans."

Sharing information on those resources is one reason Delphine Metcalf-Foster came to the summit. She gave organizers credit for bringing issues to the forefront, but expressed concern about the availability of group counseling for women who suffered sexual trauma. In many cases, these women are put in PTSD treatment groups with men who experienced combat trauma, she explained.

"You can't put them in group therapy with a bunch of guys. The VA needs to be very sensitive about this," said Metcalf-Foster, a Gulf War veteran who serves as commander of the California Department of the Disabled American Veterans.

By summit's close, the working groups had identified specific areas to address. Their final recommendations will be presented to Secretary Principi later this year, according to Trowell-Harris. They are then distributed to Congress and throughout the women veterans community. For more information, visit the Center for Women Veterans Web site, www.va.gov/womenet <<http://www.va.gov/womenet>>.

Lawn, Ill.

In 1998, O'Neill graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School, Palos Heights, Ill.

the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

He is the son of Thomas B. O'Neill of Orland Park, Ill., and Gail DeGenova of Joliet St., West Chicago, Ill. His wife, Erin, is the daughter of retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Edward E. and Bette A. Clemmons of Oak

Petrone Receives award

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that Therese Petrone was recently presented with the Silver Helmut Award from AMBETS. She is the second woman in the United States to receive the organization's National Americanism Award in recognition of her extraordinary efforts in building patriotism and public appreciation for the positive contributions of America's Armed Forces.

Petrone has been a Commissioner with the Chicago Board of Elections since 1977. Prior to that she was a member of the Illinois State Board of Elections.



Presenting the Award to Therese Petrone (2nd from left) are M.W.R.D. Commissioners Patricia Young, Gloria Majewski and Barbara McGowan.

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Senator Maloney, is pictured here with Jonathan Goldman, Executive Director on the left, and Rand Sparling, President on the right at the dinner

State Senator Maloney honored for 100% pro-environment voting record

The Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) released its 2004 Environmental Scorecard at its annual Environmental Leadership Dinner on September 23, 2004.

Senator Edward Maloney was honored for his outstanding service to the Illinois environment during the 2004 Spring Session. "Senator Maloney is a leader for

the environment in Springfield," said IEC Executive Director Jonathan Goldman. This year the IEC focused on four pieces of legislation important to the Illinois En-

vironmental Community.

* Supported HB 4099, which requires all new and major rehab construction to meet energy efficient standards established by the International Energy Conservation Code.

* Supported HB 5823, which amends the Illinois Environmental Protection Act to provide that courts can issue an injunction ordering polluters to clean up environmental damage they cause.

* Opposed SB 2272, which would allow money from the Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Fund to be used for the construction of motorized recreational trails on state owned land including parks.

* Supported SB 2551, which prohibits schools from purchasing mercury for use in classrooms, bans certain mercury switches and relays and provides for increased collection and recycling of mercury-added products.

"Senator Maloney voted 100% of the time with the environmental community on these four important pieces of legislation," added Goldman. "The IEC is honored by

Senator Maloney's dedication to Illinois' environment and we look forward to working together in the future."

"I am very proud to have received this honor from the Illinois Environmental Council," said Maloney. "I will continue to do my part to protect the environment during my tenure as State Senator."

The Illinois Environmen-

tal Council (IEC) is a non-partisan 29 year-old organization that promotes sound environmental laws and policies, provides a forum for environmentalists and facilitates a statewide activist network. IEC performs legislative advocacy and serves as the environmental community's eyes, ears and voice in Springfield.

Friends of Kevin Deering

On November 14, 2003, Kevin Deering suffered a massive stroke and went unattended in his parked car for more than sixteen hours. Kevin, who was only 51 years old at the time of the stroke, was in a coma for five of the next seven days in intensive care at South Suburban Hospital.

He has been discharged as an in-patient from the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago but continued with out patient therapy through their facility in Homewood until his insurance benefits ran out. The loss of insurance benefits severely impacts any chance

for further improvement from those essential therapies. He has regained some of his ability to walk unassisted and has made limited improvement with his speech; he still has almost no use of his right arm, which prohibits him from returning to his lifelong employment as a union electrician.

A fund-raiser will be supported by a raffle and silent auction at an open house with food, refreshments and entertainment. Admission is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple on October 24, 2004 from 2-7 pm at Rosewood West 131st & Cicero.

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Teens Tough on Teeth

Hormones, Other Factors to Blame for Wreaking Havoc on Oral Health

The preteen and teen years may prove some of the toughest for teeth. While every stage of life brings a new set of oral health issues, the mouth is often beset by unique combinations of internal and external factors such as hormones, social pressures and lifestyle changes, often converging with deleterious effects on teeth.

"As kids become more independent, their diets, hygiene and fashion choices combined with physiological changes can result in damage to teeth and gums," said Scott Navarro, DDS, an oral health advisor for Delta Dental Plans Association. "Adolescents should be encouraged to keep up their good, lifelong oral health practices and be aware of certain relevant risk factors."

Dr. Navarro said that those factors include: **Hormonal changes:** Hormones released in puberty can cause increased blood circulation in the gums, and the American Academy of Periodontology says that "during this time, the gums may become swollen, turn red and feel tender." Talk to your dentist if your teen experiences any of these symptoms. A dental professional can prescribe a treatment program that helps maintain healthy gums and teeth during periods of hormonal change.

Diet: As teens spend more time with friends outside the watchful eyes of parents, they often acquire new diets that are abundant in sugary, starchy foods and sweetened drinks. To minimize the risk to teeth, teens should brush often in the course of a day and drink lots of fluoridated water.

Contact sports: Oral injuries are often permanent, but many can be prevented by wearing a mouthguard while playing sports. Whether mouthguards are fitted by a dentist or purchased off-the-shelf, teens should keep them clean by rinsing the guards often and storing them in ventilated containers.

Eating disorders: Eating disorders are very serious and can cause many health problems, including damage to the teeth and gums. Bulimia and anorexia can lead to inflammation of the gums, erosion of tooth enamel, cavities and, potentially, can result in the loss of teeth. A dentist can usually treat the oral health problems but cannot treat an eating disorder. If you suspect that an adolescent has an eating disorder, seek medical help right away.

Mouth piercing: Jewelry in the lips or tongue can chip teeth, scrape gums and cause other problems as well, including serious infections.

"For most teenagers, remaining vigilant about oral hygiene should help them get through the teen years with their oral health intact," said Dr. Navarro. "As always, it remains important to brush at least twice daily, floss once each day and visit a dentist regularly for checkups."

Delta Dental Plans Association, based in Oak Brook, IL,

is a national network of independent not-for-profit dental service corporations specializing in providing dental benefits programs to 45 million Americans in more than 76,000 employee groups throughout the country.

For more information: Susan Morris Delta Dental Plans Association, 630-574-6855, smorris@ddpa.org.

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MDA offer flu shots for people with Neuromuscular Disease

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is offering flu shots at no cost to people with any of the more than 40 neuromuscular diseases in the Association's program. Influenza is particularly dangerous to people with progressive neuromuscular diseases, which may damage the muscles responsible for lung function. This makes influenza risky for those with muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) and other neuromuscular diseases. The flu can cause respiratory infections that can become very serious for children and adults with neuromuscular diseases," MDA President & CEO Robert Ross explained.

"Each year, MDA provides those we serve with free flu shots in order to reduce their chances of serious illness." MDA provides thousands of free flu shots annually. To find out more about obtaining a free flu shot for people with neuromuscular diseases, call the nearest MDA office, call MDA headquarters at (800) 572-1717 or visit the MDA Web site at www.mdausa.org.

MDA is a voluntary health agency providing services, research and professional and public health education. The Association's programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.

Representative Rita announces funding for highway safety projects

State Rep. Robert Rita (D-Blue Island) secured \$31,450 for the Midlothian Police Department to establish numerous highway safety programs to reduce the number of highway injuries and deaths. Rep. Rita has worked closely with Mayor Thomas Murawski concerning the Village of Midlothian's needs.

"It is important to maintain our roads safety and provide our law enforcement with the necessary tools to diminish the number of reckless drivers on our high-

ways," Rita said. "Many unnecessary injuries and deaths occur every year on our roads. I am committed to obtaining the funding necessary to help improve our roads and make them safer for everyone."

The grant is provided through a federal grant that will be administered through the Illinois Highway Safety Plan under the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration. The grant requires Illinois to detail how it will spend the federal dollars through safety programs.

Tinley Park Library News

Hors d'oeuvres for the holiday celebrations will be prepared on November 20, Saturday at 1pm. Chef Jonathan Bean will present the preparations. A \$3 fee is payable at the time of registration beginning Mon., Nov. 1.

Do you like a good debate? Voice your opinion with other teens, grades 6 to 12 from 7-8:30pm on Wednesday, Nov. 3. Debate will be at the Tinley Park Library, located at 7851 Timber Drive. For information call 708-532-0160 x 2.

In celebration of national Children's Book Week, Nov. 15-21, the Tinley Park Pub-

lic Library will be sponsoring a reading marathon on Monday, Nov. 15 from 3:30-8:30pm. Children ages 6-11 will be asked to read in a 30 minute segment. A Raffle and refreshments will complete the celebration. Registration can be done either in person at the library or by phoning 708-532-0160 x 5732 beginning Nov. 1.

Antique expert Rex

Newell, of Rex's Antiques in Calumet City. Will speak on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at the Tinley Park Library. Newell will explain some of the trends in collectibles and antiques at 7pm in the first floor meeting room. Free appraisals will be offered to the first 50 to register. Registration is in person or by calling 708-532-0160 x 3 starting October 18.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for October 19th thru November 1st: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com* [tell your friends about it]. There will be more there from Numi for the month ahead for November 2nd.

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: If you don't like where you live or work...take action! You need not let life live you, take it back! Read Pisces. S informs well.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: It would be different if you could not do something about the way things are ganging up on you. You can! D helps, ask!

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You meet new people who seem to be attracted to how you do things. They may become clients, friends or allies! W and F aid.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This is not a good week to play the "I'll get you before you get me" game. Just tell it like it is and all can go well. M or P can help.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Your mate may have an entirely different viewpoint about finances than you do. Talk it out, "don't shout it out!"

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You have made decisions that might not be appreciated by others, but they may be the best ones after all. S aids.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Sometimes people say what others think they don't "mean to say" but they do mean it when they say it. Wise up! D aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Arles & Scorpio: Are you remembering things that have happened long ago? Yes, you can recapture your health, wealth and love! F aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: You were not wrong to do what you did last month, and this can be proven. You are doing much better financially too. M helps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

"Wt. Loss Hypnosis" at affordable price & Mini-Sessions now in my office. Call us at 708-597-5866 / 597-6721 for info or to schedule your Mini-Session or Full Service Psychle Session appt in-person at The Baymont Inn/Alsip, or arrange for a Phone Session. Also available: Intuitive Problem-Solving Counseling. These can be so very helpful, and go in-depth in your search for answers and understanding. This is for both adults and [troubled] teens and children. There ARE answers...and hope!

House Parties for 5-10 guests. And I'm available as a Guest Speaker for your Club, Organization or FundRaiser.

For 1 or 2 questions answered psychically by me, go online to *ePSYCHICAnswers* in my site at *JackiMari.Com* [it's only \$19.95]

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Please pass this column on to others

My Psychic Observations & Insights:

YOU CANNOT REWIND YOUR LIFE

Wouldn't it be great if you could go back in time and Erase all of those things you wish you had not done or said? Of course it would. "Hindsight" is good. Hindsight does point out things you did or said that you may not choose to do or say from this moment on. Life is not a tape-recording that allows you to Rewind and tape over your mistakes in life...you see, life is always in forward motion, so, even if you are walking backwards, you are walking towards something! If you could you would eat better, exercise, never smoke, drink or do drugs. You would not be hostile or rude, crude or smug. You would not put people down simply because they are less educated or have much less than you do financially. You would take better care of your teeth, skin, and watch your weight. You would want to develop your talent. You might never think of killing as a sport or a means of birth control. No! You cannot put your life on rewind. Nothing can repeat itself exactly as it happened or was said. So, it's best to get it right the first time.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

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"A Voice of the people not the powerful"

Local candidate Jason Tabour, of Evergreen Park, is running for State Representative of the 36th House District of Illinois: Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Homewood, Worth, Hickory Hills Chicago Ridge, and Palos Hills on November 2nd.

Issues that are of concern to Mr. Tabour are: Tax reform and reduction, School voucher rebate program, Tort reform, New legislative leadership, and Deregulation for lower utility bills. All goals promote job and economic growth.

Jason Tabour attended Marist High School and Chicago State University. He majored in History with a concentration in urban planning and political science. He was a model United Nations Member.

He is an Eagle Scout Recipient and enjoys encouraging scouts by attending scout functions and ceremonies.

nies, to this day.

He was active in sports and participated in state championship teams.

Jason was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a Sergeant, with a specialty in charge of Field Radio Communications. He served in "Battle Griffin", a NATO operation in Norway, in 1996 and in "Operation Desert Storm", in 1990.

Experience in the following business fields are an asset to his ability to assess and identify needs of businesses and his future constituents: Commodities, Agriculture Transportation, Manufacturing, Military, Education Home Building Trades, Real Estate, Advertising, Sales Marketing, and Computer Technology.

Professional Affiliations are: President, Evergreen Park Library Board of Trustees President, Toastmasters International, Palos Hills Chapter Member of the Calumet Yacht Club Member of the Field Museum of Natural History Member of the Art Institute of Chicago

Interested in making a contribution? Mail your check to: Committee to Elect Jason Tabour 3815 W. 95th Street Evergreen Park, IL 60805 Martha Tabour Treasurer 708-686-2108 jason@jason.tabour.com

Fannie May Reopens

The first Fannie May store opens Tuesday, October 19 in the Chicago Ridge Mall at the southeast corner of 95th St. and Ridgeland Ave. in Oak Lawn, at 10am. The first 100 customers in

the store after it opens will receive a free one-pound box of Fannie may candy as a gift. Allan Petrik, executive vice president and general manager of Fannie may Confections Inc. indicated they are proud to be back, carrying on the Fannie may tradition.

The stores will open on a staggered schedule beginning October 19 and continuing into mid-November. Local stores to reopen are located at 10700 S. Cicero Ave. in Oak Lawn, and 6351 W 95th St., in Oak Lawn along with 9350 W. 150th St. Orland Park, Ill.

Pre-packaged Fannie may Canides-such as Pixies, Mint Meltaways and Trinidads-also continue to be available through retail outlets like Jewel, Dominick's and Walgreen's. Village View News as are many Fannie May customers are glad to see this company return to the area.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope



By: Kathy Whirity

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To Kill An American

Recently there was a report of someone in Pakistan who published an offer in a newspaper of a reward to anyone who kills an American, any American.

The following is an enlightened look at what an American is. The author is unknown but the sentiment is well worth sharing with all Americans.

What is an American?

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole, or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is a Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God - not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need.

Americans welcome the best — the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least.

The national symbol of America, the Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, the tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin towers the morning of September 11, 2001, earning a better life for their families.

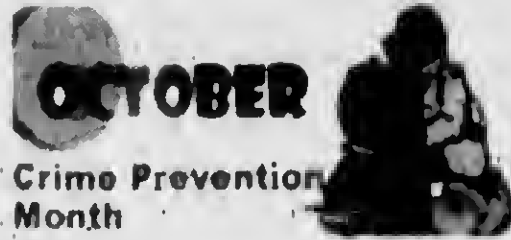
It's been said that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So, you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world.. But in doing so you would also be killing yourself.

Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. Americans are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom.

Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

Author Unknown



Making Halloween a Safe Treat:

Happy Halloween Tips from McGruff the Crime Dog®

Before Heading Out: What Parents Should Do

- Make sure costumes allow free movement and good vision.
- Consider using makeup instead of masks. If the child is wearing a mask, be sure he or she can see toward the sides and bottom as well as straight ahead. Eliminate trailing or dragging parts of the costume. Tuck up skirts, sheets, etc.
- Have the children eat dinner before the adventure. This makes it easier for them to resist eating the treats while they are out.
- Decide what adult (or older teen) will accompany the trick-or-treaters.
- Agree on the route. Make sure it's not too long. Avoid crossing major intersections if possible.
- Don't forget to take a photo of the trick-or-treaters!

On the Street: Five Rules for Kids

- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Stick to the agreed-on route. Don't wander off through yards or playgrounds.
- Stay with the adult or older teen in charge. Don't go into homes without his or her permission.
- Cross the street only at intersections; be sure to look both ways.
- Don't eat the treats until you get home and an adult has checked them.

Home Again: Together and Safe

- Help the kids take the costumes off and put them aside for cleaning if needed.
- Check the treats, looking for any sign of tampering with the wrappers. Also pay special attention to homemade treats. You shouldn't let the children eat these unless you know and trust the source.
- Agree on what goodies can be eaten and when.
- Hold a treat trade—let trick-or-treaters swap for their favorites.
- Talk about how the night went; especially discuss anything that troubled the children.

St. Rita High School craft show

St. Rita High School Mothers' Club will hold their annual Craft Show on Saturday, October 23, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the school, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago.

There will be many new vendors. Special 100th Anniversary raffle. Start your holiday shopping at the Craft Show. For more information, call 773-925-5029

Southwest Chapter of Lyric Opera's "Macbeth"

Verdi's opera, "Macbeth", a video on big screen TV, will be featured at the Halloween Party hosted by the Southwest Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago, on Sunday October 24, 2004 at 2:30pm at Palos United Methodist Church, 121st and Harlem, Palos Heights. James Morris sings the role of Banquo and Renato Bruson sings the title role.

Come dressed as your favorite opera character. Refreshments will be served. All are invited. Suggested donation at the door is \$5. RSVP: Virginia Jach, 708-423-9633.



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Carrot Cake

2 cups flour 2 cups sugar
1 tsp salt
2 tsps. baking soda and 2 tsp. cinnamon
1 1/2 cups cooking oil
4 beaten eggs 3 cups shredded carrots
1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift dry ingredients together. Add oil, eggs, carrots and nuts. Pour batter into greased 9 1/2x5 1/2x3-inch loaf pan and bake for about 65 minutes or until center is done. Cool, divide cake into 3 layers for frosting.

Frosting:

1 8 oz. soft cream cheese 1/4 cup soft butter.
3 1/2 cups powdered sugar 2 tsps. vanilla

Garnish with walnut halves and oranges if desired. Blend cream cheese and butter, Beat til fluffy. Add sugar and vanilla. Whip til creamy. Spread between cake layers.
Go slightly "dippy" for your guests

Avocado Dip

1 carton (8 oz.) sour cream
1/2 pkg. Good Seasons Italian dressing mix
2 diced tomatoes dash Tabasco
1/4 cup mayonnaise 2 avocados, diced
juice of one lemon

Mix ingredients until creamy and well blended. Serve with favorite chips

Bavarian Dip

1 pound Cheddar cheese, grated
1/8 lb blue cheese, crumbled 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
dash salt 2 tbs grated onion
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce dash Tabasco
1/2 cup chopped pecans 1 bottle beer

Combine above ingredients and blend well. Serve with favorite crackers.

Crab Dip

2 lbs. 8 oz. softened cream cheese 2 cartons (8 oz) sour cream
1 chopped onion salt and pepper to taste and dash
garlic salt

Four cans (6 1/2 oz) crabmeat, drained and chopped.
capers

Blend cream cheese and sour cream til smooth. Add next 4 ingredients

Kitchen Favorites by Anita Anderson

Add capers last. Serve with fresh raw veggies of your choice.

Mexican Kitchen Dip

1 tbs butter
3 tbs chopped green pepper
1 onion, chopped
2 cloved garlic, chopped
2 tbs chili powder 1/2 tsp cumin seed
5 fresh tomatoes, chopped
3/4 lb Cheddar cheese, grated
salt to taste 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
1 egg beaten with little milk

Melt butter in pan and cook green pepper, onion and garlic for 3 minutes. Remove garlic.

Add chili powder, cumin and tomatoes. Simmer 20 minutes. Add cheese slowly. Stir in salt and cayenne pepper. When cheese is melted stir in egg mixture. Serve hot with tostados.



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How to Keep your Halloween from Becoming a Budget Nightmare

Halloween provides an opportunity to look outrageous. And while it may be fun to go incognito, it is important not to lose your head. After all, with an average wig costing \$20, Halloween expenses can quickly become unsettling. The money experts at Money Management International (MMI) offer the following advice on how to enjoy a budget-conscious Halloween.

Get creative. Halloween decorations don't have to cost a fortune. Cotton balls can make terrific spider webs and home-made bats are the scariest. Also, visit the pumpkin patch or a near-by grocery store for discount savings on pumpkins the day of Halloween.

Take a look around. Halloween costumes for kids can range from \$15 for a basic off-the-shelf costume to \$40 or more for a more elaborate ensemble. Instead, try making costumes out of items you already own. For example, you can turn your toddler into a mummy by wrapping her in ace bandages. For more costume ideas, visit www.parentsup.com. Also, try make-up or face paint instead of masks.

Reuse and Recycle. If your child still likes last year's Spiderman costume, let him go as the superhero again this year. Or, ask another parent if their child would be willing to trade costumes for one night. Don't forget to check garage sales and second-hand stores for gently used attire.

Make the most of it. Why limit the fun to just one night? Halloween costumes make fun dress-up clothes any time of the year. And, according to Hershey's, you can store chocolate for up to a year. Saving collected candy to disburse throughout the year will save money and stomachaches.

Be a smart shopper. Halloween is also known as "Beggar's

Night," so you can expect some ghoulish company. According to the National Confectioners Association, Halloween is the biggest candy holiday, with \$950 million in sales in the United States. To ensure that your treats don't break the bank, watch for coupons and buy in bulk. You might also consider handing out small toys, such as stickers, instead of candy.

The Office of Citizens' Services, Village of Evergreen Park, has announced the annual community edition of the Office of Citizens' Services Newsletter has been delivered. The edition contains information on OCS department services.

To receive the OCS Newsletter by First Class Mail delivery, complete the 2005 subscription form included in the copy of the newsletter, and return it with your payment of \$4 to the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park. This subscription would expire December 2005.

For those choosing to pick up the newsletter in person, simply complete the registration form, so that a sufficient amount of newsletters are available.

Think safety. This is one area where you don't want to skimp. At a minimum, children should wear clothing with reflective markings or tape and carry a flashlight.

Following a few common sense tips can help you to have a good, safe and fun Halloween without the budget nightmare. With all the money saved, you'll have to more to spend on the holidays! For more money saving tips, consumers can visit www.moneymanagement.org.

"Thanksgiving Then and Now"

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, November 11, 2004 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, Illinois. (Note new address) November is the month we traditionally focus on giving thanks for our overwhelming blessings.

Come join us as we visually portray and bring to life some past historical events that have changed the lives of so many through out the

ages.

We humbly hope you will be entertained by the skits we have prepared for you in our rendition of "Thanksgiving".

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30PM at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00PM. Reservations are required by November 4th. Meal choices must be given in advance. There will be a choice of soup or salad, and Dominick's Special (home-made sausage, peppers, to-

mato, and onion with roasted potatoes) or Meat Ravioli.

For additional information and reservations please call June at (708) 424-1656.

Office of Citizens' Services announcements

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services is seeking interest/participation in a "Green Hat Sorority"

For Evergreen Park residents only. Join us October 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the H.B. Maher Community Center.

The Village Pantry Coalition was formed in 1982 to provide emergency food to Evergreen Park individuals and families experiencing financial problems due to unemployment, illness, etc. The Pantry is especially in need of many products.

Please bring you donations to the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th Street, Evergreen Park.

Putting roses to bed for the winter

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold it's October Meeting on Thursday, October 28th at 4625 W. 110th St. at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker will be Dick Kress. His topic will be: "Putting roses to bed

For the winter." Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend a meeting as guests.


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Lyric Opera of Chicago's One-time-only Warehouse Sale rings up \$77,190 in receipts!

Thousands of bargain-hunters wait patiently in line for hours Oct. 8-10 for rummage-sale deals on historic costumes, props, scenery.

They came. They stood. Some had multiple piercing and neon hair. Others had walkers and canes. A few pushed baby strollers. The ill advised wore high heels and Sunday-best clothing.

They waited patiently in a line that snaked for several blocks from the old Lyric Opera Warehouse at 2559 S. Dearborn, just off the Stevenson Expressway. They entered the musky darkness and foraged through heaps of dusty old costumes, trying them on where they stood. They also snagged spears and oars, trunks and chairs, sofas and statues. They lined up with armloads, sackfuls, shopping carts, boxes bulging with booty, much of it predating Lyric Opera of Chicago. They paid in cash and left happy. And Lyric rang up \$77,190 in receipts on its ultimate rummage sale.

Prices ranged from 50 cents for wooden hangers to 50 dollars for enormous steamer trunks. Most apparel items went for just a few bucks.

From Friday, Oct. 8 through Sunday, Oct. 10, thousands of bargain-hunters, including representatives from area theaters and schools, descended on Lyric's warehouse on the edge of Chinatown, and effectively cleaned out the first floor of the 100,000 sq. ft. warehouse. The five-story warehouse, which dates to the mid-1920s (it was built at the same time as the Civic Opera House), has been sold to a developer. Lyric's vast inventory of scenery and costumes is now stored in containers at a new location.

Broadway in Chicago announces new season

Broadway In Chicago is pleased to announce the 2005 Neumann Homes Broadway In Chicago Season Series featuring:

Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical phenomenon WICKED, The Broadway-bound revival of Christina Applegate as SWEET CHARITY, Cathy Rigby in her farewell performance as PETER PAN, Broadway's MONSTER hit LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, and the Tony Award-winning musical classic LES MISÉRABLES.

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atre, the Cadillac Palace Theatre, the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre and The Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. Neumann Homes takes pride in supporting the arts by sponsoring the 2005 Season Series. 2005 Season Series Packages go on sale Wednesday, October 20, 2004 at 10 a.m.

Sir Andrew Davis adds eight performances of Aida to his schedule

Lyric Opera of Chicago has announced that its celebrated music director, Sir Andrew Davis, will conduct this season's first eight performances of Giuseppe Verdi's Aida, replacing conductor Semyon Bychkov, who is recuperating in Paris from a shoulder injury, which prevents him from conducting. Davis will lead Aida performances Oct. 23 through Nov. 13.

During the same period, Davis is already scheduled to conduct all performances of Richard Wagner's Das Rheingold (Oct. 2 - Nov. 6), and rehearsals of Leos Janáček's The Cunning Little Vixen (which opens Nov. 17).

Davis will also share podium duties with artistic director emeritus Bruno Bartoletti for Lyric's 50th Anniversary Gala Concert on October 30.

As originally scheduled, Richard Buckley will conduct the final five performances of Aida, which run from November 19 through December 4.

Aida is the I. A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation production. The revival is made possible by the I. A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation in memory of Marian O'Shaughnessy Burke.

Evita to play Chicago's Auditorium

On November 16 through November 28, 2004, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's legendary musical will be at the Chicago Auditorium The-

atre, 50 East Congress Park way in Chicago.

Renowned Director/Choreographer Hal Prince, will join forces with Choreographer Larry Fuller to recreate this legendary musical.

Evita brings to life the dynamic, larger-than-life persona of Eva Peron, wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron.

Evita became the first Broadway show to be reproduced successfully in every major city in the world, including the Philippines, where it had been banned under the Marcos regime because of the uncomfortable parallels to Imelda Marcos.

Evita will play the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, November 16 through 28, 2004.

Tickets for Evita range in price from \$18 to \$72.50 and are available at the Auditorium theatre Box Offices, Chicago Tickets Line at (312) 902-1400 and all Carson Pirie Scott stores and Hot Tix.

VFW Post 5220 holds dance

V.F.W. Post 5220 Johnson Phelps presents "Dusty Records Dance Party, Saturday, October 23, 2004 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. There will be 50's and 60's music."

Food and open bar for only \$20. There will be a D.J. Pre tickets sales sold in lounge at 9514 South 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn or call 708-423-5220 for more information.

The Fireside presents A Fireside Christmas

Christmas comes early in Fort Atkinson each year as The Fireside Dinner Theatre as they present the popular musical revue, A Fireside Christmas, now with an all-new 12th edition. It's just the ticket to get you in the holiday spirit.

This year's show includes new medleys, new dances, new costumes and scenery along with a newly staged version of the living nativity. Written and directed by Philip Wm. McKinley exclusively for the Fireside, A Fireside Christmas feature a professional cast of 16 singers and dancers selected from their New York auditions as well as seven talented area youth that

share four children's roles. According to McKinley, "While the first act is filled with fun and the lighter side of Christmas, Act Two brings us back to the true meaning of Christmas with songs that will touch your heart and soul."

The Fireside is located on Business Hwy 26 in Ft. Atkinson and includes several gift shops with an extensive selection of unique merchandise including many popular collectible lines and gifts for all ages and occasions.

A Fireside Christmas will be performed ten times weekly Wed. through Sun. For tickets call 1-800-477-9509 or check out the web site at www.firesidetheatre.com



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2.5 Mile Tradition Returns Thanksgiving Day

Runners of all ages are invited to participate in a Village of Orland Park tradition. The Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's 15th Annual Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th. The 2.5-mile cross-country run attracts 300 runners each year with awards given to the top three runners in each category. Check-in begins at 7:00 A.M. with the run beginning at 8:00 A.M.

"This is a great event for the entire family to enjoy," said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Lee Ann Fisk, who oversees the festivities each year. "We encourage everyone to dress warmly and come out to enjoy a scenic run through the beautiful streets, paths and wooded areas of Orland Park," she added.

Pre-registration is required before November 24th as this annual event sells out every year. Applications are available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. All participants receive a commemorative gift and are eligible for more than 70 post-race prizes. Post race refreshments will be provided.

"The Recreation Department's Turkey Trot is not only a tradition for many Orland Park families, it has become a reunion of sorts for Carl Sandburg High School alumni," Fisk noted. "Each year, former and current members of Sandburg's track team come out for the run. It's a great time to catch up with old friends," she said. Pre-race packets will be available at Human Race Sports, 15248 S. LaGrange Rd. from November 15th to the 24th. For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.



The Village of Orland Park donated two surplus police cars to the Village of Ford Heights. Pictured from left to right are Ford Heights Police Captain E. Bridges and Acting Police Chief Cecil Cook accepting the keys from Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin and Police Chief Tim McCarthy.

Oak Forest Seniors will hold their 5th annual health fair

The Oak Forest Senior Citizens' Commission will have its 5th Annual Senior Health Fair on October 28, 2004. The fair is conducted in conjunction with the Oak Forest Park District and is held in the Gymnasium of the Central Ave. Park complex 156th & Central Ave. this fair is the only health fair devoted just to seniors and is totally

free to all. the fair will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and refreshments will be provided.

Each year, new vendors have been invited and this year is not an exception. There will be doctors to explain cholesterol screenings and body scans, also a variety of vendors.

The Secretary of State Mo

bile unit will provide driver's license renewal, state identification cards and renewal stickers. Stop in and take advantage of their services.

If you live in Oak Forest, the Senior Bus will be available for transportation.

For more information or if there are any questions, call 708-687-4050 ext. 215

Village of Orland Park Fall Clean-Up Campaign

The Annual Fall Clean-Up Campaign, in cooperation with Waste Management of the South Suburbs, will be held October 29, 30 and 31, 2004. Dumpsters will be located at the Public Works Facility rather than the village parks, as in the past. This move was made to prevent debris from blowing around homes near the parks, keeping the parks clean and ensuring the safety of children playing in the parks.

Residents may access the dumpsters on Friday, October 29 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. On Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31, residents may access the dumpsters between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Dumpsters will be placed at the Public Works Facility for residents' disposal of normal household garbage. All disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster and not along side the dumpster. Construction and other hazardous materials are prohibited.

The Village of Orland Park Public Works Facility is located at 15655 Ravinia Avenue (one block west of LaGrange Road). For more information, please call Public Works at 708/403-6350.

A Holiday Classic Comes To The Orland Park Stage

Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe To Host Auditions For "Yes, Virginia..."

The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe will present an American classic this holiday season. "Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus" will be performed December 3, 4 and 5. Open auditions for the show will be held Sunday, October 17 from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and Monday, October 18 from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Auditions will be held at Orland Park's Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue, in Orland Park. "Yes, Virginia" is a traditional holiday story that reminds everyone of the true spirit of the holidays,"

explained Orland Park Theatre Troupe Producer/Director Frann Carnivele. In 1897, eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to *The New York Sun* asking: "Please tell me the truth: is there a Santa Claus?" The answer she received—"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"—is one of the most widely reprinted newspaper editorials of all time. The author of "Yes, Virginia," veteran newsman and *Sun* editorial writer Francis Pharcellus Church, turned

out a 500-word reply, printed on September 21, 1897, on page six of the paper, with no byline. Playwright Pat Cook has adapted the story for the stage.

"The holiday season in the Village of Orland Park is full of tradition with all of the winter activities at Centennial Park, the trolleys riding around and the annual Winter Festival. The village's theatre troupe is happy to present 'Yes, Virginia...' as just one of many holiday offerings in Orland Park this

season," Carnivele-Sidlow.

Once cast, participants must pay a registration fee. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-7275.



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Cookie, Ned Lock, Magician Paul Bachman, Ray Rayner and Bozo

Magician comes to Palos Olympic

You are all invited to the Palos Hills Olympic Health Club located at 11050 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills for a Halloween Party at 11am on October 30th to see Paul the Magician and Roger the Balloon Artist.

Palos Heights Happenings

By Carlene O'Connor

There was a public forum to discuss the building of the new recreation center and swimming pool. Many persons were in attendance and asked questions. The plan includes building it at Community Park with taking out baseball fields to make a parking lot and giving it 500 spaces. People indicated it gave the Heights a good attraction.

On November 2, the voters will be asked to approve the referendum issuing six-

teen million in bonds to construct a new recreation center and swimming pool. This will involve paying taxes of \$37 for each 1000 in taxes paid. This is the voter's choice.

Also in Palos Heights, a new Walgreens is going up on the corner of 127th St. and Ridgeland Ave. A drive-through pharmacy will be built.

Girlfriends

by Carlene O'Connor

Depression and anxiety disorders are serious medical conditions affecting more than 50 million Americans, women are more than 70%

more likely to develop depression than men.

Vicky Lovinehas come up with a guide for women called *Girlfriends Guide to Staying Healthy and Loving Life*, which is excellent to openly help women discuss mental health issues with their friends. There is also a website www.girlfriendsforlife.org with information about depression and her tips for dealing with stress and the blues.

Depression is more than feeling down in the dumps. It is when people don't behave their normal selves. They drop out of social commitments. Many times they don't return phone calls or e-mails. It is when they isolate themselves from others. That is when a girlfriend needs to give help. This is when the booklets and website be-

Chicago Ridge approves salary increase

by Matt Mayer

The board adopted amendments at the Oct 5. Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting in regards to salary increases.

Mayor Gene Siegel outlined a ratification of the salary increases for appointed and elected officials. Increases for elected officials, the Mayor, Clerk and Trustees will be effective on May 1, 2005; increases for appointed officials as well as other appointed employees are retroactive to Jan 1, 2004. The increases vary but are approximately 3 percent. Responding to a residents question is the salaries public record, Siegel said.

The board approved an ordinance to rezone the property at 10604 Southwest Highway for the development of town homes as well as a request to proclaim Oct 23rd as Make a Difference Day.

A resolution was approved to join the National League of Cities in American Dream, a program which urges state and federal leaders to work with city leaders in the coming year to develop programs and policies which will maximize access to affordable housing, straighten public education, create opportunities to develop marketable job skills

and build an inclusive community.

The board approved a business license for Bath Galore at the Mall and The Vine Neighborhood Eatery and Pub at 10236-38 S. Ridgeland Ave.

The board approved a fire department request to purchase pagers in the amount of \$1,870.00 as well as a request to purchase two stair pro chairs in the amount of \$4,398.00. A block party request in the 6700 block of 104th St was also approved.

Siegel outlined a proposed parkway beatification program for Ridgeland Ave such as block stamped asphalt, planter pots or hanging pots, pedestrian lights affixed to existing street lamp posts beginning with 107th St. Trustees were unanimously in favor of this proposal and there will be a study of the possibilities for this project. A feasibility study agreement for economic development was also approved. The next meeting will be Mon. Oct 18th.

Chicago Ridge VFW Post 177 holds socials

Chicago Ridge VFW Post #177 is having Oktober Fest/Halloween Party on Friday, October 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at McDonald Linn, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL.

For a donation of only \$15 per person you will receive a German meal draft deer or soda, desert, and DJ music for your listening and dancing pleasure. For more information

call John at 708-710-1789.

The Chicago Ridge VFW Post is hosting a Veterans Administration Free Health Fair, at their Post home at 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004 from 9-1 p.m.

Palos Park Info

Metra has signed a contract for the construction of our new train station. Con-

struction is scheduled to begin November 1, 2004 and run through January, 2006. There will be no disruption in train schedules and Metra intends to maintain approximately 100 parking spaces for the duration of the construction.

The national elections in November are important to Palos Park for they will have an important issue on the ballot. The Village Council is asking residents to vote on whether or not we should raise the sales tax on non-grocery and non-prescription items by 1/2%. This would amount to only 50 cents on a \$100 bill but would add approximately \$170,000 to Village revenues each year to be used to cover infrastructure costs.

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OL High School's Nicole Veen chosen as a 2004 Athletes Against Drugs Achievement Award recipient

The National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) and Athletes Against Drugs (AAD) announce Oak Lawn High School's Nicole Veen as a recipient of the 2004 Athletes Against Drugs Achievement Award. The award is given to local high school athletes who demonstrate leadership and excellence as role models in their communities. Veen, an All-Conference pitcher for the Spartans' softball team, was chosen for her outstanding leadership on the softball field, in the classroom and in her community.

As a senior for Spartans, Veen has found success as a pitcher and outfielder. She boasts a .438 batting average and a 1.09 ERA with 93 strikeouts in the 2004 season. She is also actively involved with her Oak Lawn Ice ASA team.

Veen's success carries into the classroom where she earns a 4.06 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a recipient of the IHSA Achievement award. In her spare time, Veen is a member of Oak Lawn's Student Advisory Board, Student Council, French Club and Student Helpers.

For her well-rounded success and demonstrated leadership, Veen was chosen as one of this year's four AAD award recipients. She will be honored at a dinner/auction at U.S. Cellular Park in the

Stadium Club on November 5th. The other 2004 award recipients include: St. Viator High School's Brent Tomlinson, Aurora West High School's Sheena Czipri, and North Chicago High School's O'Brien Schofield.

This is the second year Athletes Against Drugs has awarded local high school athletes for their leadership and excellence. The mission of the Chicago based Athletes Against Drugs, founded by Stedman Graham, is "leveraging national and local athletes, celebrities, and corporate leaders to educate youth to make healthy life decisions." The foundation emphasizes the importance of youth being involved in healthy activities, such as sports, in order to stay positive and focused. It is the healthy choices young people make that allow them to have successful futures.

AAD is partnered with another Chicago based organization, the National Collegiate Scouting Association, founded by former Vanderbilt football player and Chicago native, Chris Krause, in 2000. NCSA is a scouting service whose mission is to match college coaches with the "right" student athletes. The partnership allows NCSA to select the award recipients from the student-athletes enrolled on their program who demonstrate leadership and make a

positive impact on their team, school and community.

For more information on Athletes Against Drugs, please visit, www.joinaad.com. For more information on the National Collegiate Scouting Association, please visit, www.ncsasports.org.



Check out your
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prediction
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with Jackie Mari

Oak Lawn postpones Target vote

by Matt Mayer

The Oct 26 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting commenced with a letter read by acting Village President Ron Stancik from attorney Richard Wendy of the Minneapolis based Target Corporation requesting a postponement of the vote to erect a new store on the now existing Holiday Inn property until the next meeting on Nov 9. The letter cited that this request would allow Target additional time to address community concerns raised about the project. The request was approved and will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

The village chambers were filled as well as the hallways and stairs with residents in opposition to the Target project. In addition,

the Park District sent a letter signed by all five members of the Park Board voicing their opposition, stating that there are safety concerns about the close proximity of parking to the ballfield as well as their opposition to the massive concrete structure towering over the area.

Police Chief Robert Smith presented an Oak Lawn Commendation Award to Police Officer Daniel Pikowitz. Reading from the commendation letter, Smith said "On Jan 3, 2003, Pikowitz was called to active duty by the Illinois National Guard to serve with the 933rd Military Police Company. Pikowitz served in Iraq from April 2003 to July 2004 as a Staff Sergeant with the 220th Military Police Brigade. While operating in a hostile environment, he was awarded the United States Army Commendation Medal and was recommended for the Bronze Star. His performance of duty under arduous conditions was exemplary", Smith read. "The standard of excellence and skills he displays on a daily basis as an Oak Lawn Police Officer was the same performance that help spread the seed of democracy to the people of Iraq", Smith said. The presentation was followed by a

standing ovation.

Fire Engineer Eugene Shipanik received the oath of office as Fire Lieutenant and Firefighter John Travník received the oath of office as Fire Engineer. The board approved the vacation of 66' wide 51st Ave right-of-way from 95th St South a distance of approximately 204 Ft., an ordinance vacating a portion of 51st Ave, immediately south of 95th St. and a resubdivision of four lots between the Norfolk and Southern Railroad and 96th St from 51st Ave to Tulley Ave, by a vote of 5-1, Streit descended.

A request for parking variation and rezoning from PL-[public Lands] to R-3 [multi-family residential] at 5100 W. 96th St. and for parking variation and rezoning from PL to C-1 [general business] and R-1 [single family residential] to C-2 [general business] at the southwest corner of 95th street and 51st Ave as well as a request for additional variations at 5100 W. 96th St and at the southeast corner of 95th and 51st Ave were approved 5-1, Streit descended. A proclamation to declare the month of November Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month was also approved. The next meeting is Nov 9.

Buschbach receives Terkel award

Acting president, Ron Stancik nominated Jim Buschbach for the Studs Terkel Humanities Service award recently.

Jim Buschbach, owner of Buschbach Insurance and World Travel Mart was voted by the Illinois Humanities Council for the award which is to be awarded at the village board meeting on November 9th.

The award is given every two years and there will be 72 people in Illinois receiving this award.

Mr. Buschbach has been involved with the Oak Lawn Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church of America for many years. He has been involved with the American Cancer Society for the 25 years and most recently was

a founding member of the Oak Lawn Children's Museum.

Mr. Buschbach has been a notable supporter and board member of the Oak Lawn Chamber, Christ Hospital Medical Center, Oak Lawn Community Bank, Oak Lawn Park District and many more organizations. He was very instrumental in helping his wife, Joann, with her endeavors along with each child and grandchildren.

Mr. Buschbach was a perfect choice for this award and Village View Publications congratulates Ron Stan-

cik for his nomination of Mr. Jim Buschbach as the nominee for the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award.

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News of our service personnel

Timothy J. Sullivan, son of Louise M. and Michael P. Sullivan of Oak Lawn, Ill., recently completed Plebe Summer at the United States Naval Academy and has begun four years of preparation for commissioning as a Navy or Marine Corps officer.

During Plebe Summer, Sullivan completed a demanding, fast-paced orientation which required him to rapidly assimilate basic skills in seamanship, navigation, infantry drill, marksmanship and sailing.

Sullivan has now begun the extensive training in leadership, discipline, athletics, academics and character development that he will use while serving his country as an officer in the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps.

All midshipmen will receive a Bachelor of Science degree upon completion of their training at the Naval Academy.

Sullivan is a 2004 graduate of Marist High School of Chicago, Ill.

Marine Corps Pvt. Martin T. Navarro, son of Christine L. Navarro of Oak Lawn, Ill., recently com-

pleted 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Navarro and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Navarro spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Navarro and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Navarro and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Navarro is a 2003 graduate of Oak Lawn High School of Oak Lawn, Ill.



Civic Leaders and Theater Artists celebrate the power of the vote

A non-partisan group of theater artists and civic leaders joined together to explore the question "Why Vote?" at a special program "The Art of Citizenship: Creative Power for Constructive Change" at the Victory Gardens Theatre on north Lincoln in Chicago. Participants

began by performing a five-minute story or reading about the power of the vote. Participants were Lucina Kathmann, International Vice President of International PEN, Angelique Grandone, Youth Organizer for the Chicago League of Women Voters and members

Veterans Day celebration

The Junior High classes of St. Albert the Great school in Burbank will be hosting a Veterans day celebration on Thursday, November 11, 2004. A special liturgy honoring the veterans and others who have served our Nation's military will be held at 8:30am. A reception with refreshments will be held in Rogers Hall following the liturgy. Veterans are welcome to share their stories, photos, uniforms and other memorabilia with the students. St. Albert the great is located at 5535 W. State Road in Burbank.

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The 40-minute film features at least forty insects and was shot in the location in the jungles of Borneo and in the United Kingdom where a microcosm of tropical rainforest was replicated for extreme close-ups.

The audience will view the birth of hundreds of praying mantids, captured in minute detail for the first time in large format. See a caterpillar hatch from a single tiny egg to metamorphose into a butterfly, and watch as a praying mantis snaps up a fly for dinner, another giant screen first. A variety

of other tropical animals which make their way across the giant screen, include tarantulas, scorpions, vipers as well as millions of bats as they flit through the jungle in search of food. It is the survival of the fittest!

The Museum of Science and Industry's Omnimax films are adventures experienced by thousands of guests each year. Located at 57th and Lake Shore Drive, just minutes from downtown Chicago, it is open every day of the year except December 25th. Museum hours are 9:30am to 4pm daily and 11am to 4pm on Sunday. General admission for Omnimax is \$15, adults, \$12.50 seniors and \$10 children 3-11.

Commissioner Murphy conducts assessment appeal seminars in Crestwood and Tinley Park

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Bremen Township residents. The seminar will be held on Monday, November 8, 2004 at the Andrew Brela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood. Registration begins at 6:30pm and the seminar begins at 7pm. Seminar sponsor is Mayor Chester Stranczek. Bremen Township property owners have until November 17th to turn in their assessment complaint forms to the Board of Review.

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Orland and Rich Township residents. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004 at the Tinley Park Village hall Council Chambers, 16250 S. Oak Park. Registration begins at 6:00pm and the seminar begins at 6:30pm. Seminar sponsor is Mayor Ed Zabrocki and Trustee Brian Maher. Orland and Rich Township have not yet opened for appeal at the Board but pre-filed complaints will be collected at the seminar.

Among other things the seminar will inform homeowners how to determine whether they are over assessed, and where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to procure and fill out the assessment complaint form. For more information about the seminar call the Board of Review at 312-603-3644.

Commissioner Murphy encourages taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill Assessment Notice of Property Identification Number to the seminar so that their complaint form can be completed and turned in. Property owners may appeal their assessment to the Assessor, the Board of Review and the State property Tax Board in that order.

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Senate Representative Rita welcomes constituents to an open house

Senate President Emil Jones Jr. (D-Chicago) and Senate Representative Robert (Bob)

Rita(D-Blue Island) welcomed neighborhoods and friends to their second annual open house celebration of their suburban constituent services office located in 13543 S. Cicero Ave. in Crestwood.

Representative Rita's district includes all or parts of Chicago's 9th and 34th wards, Blue Island, Calumet Park, Crestwood, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Robbins and Palos Park.

The constituents service office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 4pm., and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by appointment only. The number is 708-396-2822.

Hypnosis for Smoking is a three week program, beginning November 16, will meet every Tues. evening from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Little Company of Mary Health Education Center in Chicago Ridge Mall. There is a \$75 fee. Please call 708.423.5774 to register.

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Keith Bilski of Worth and Linda Bowlds of Orland Park

Linda Bowlds belongs to the Orland Park special recreation. She has won gold medals in bowling, volley ball and bocce ball.



Catholic Charities announces new president

The Rev. Michael Boland, Administrator of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is

Keith belongs to the Richport YMCA in LaGrange. He has won medals in bowling and swimming

proud to announce that Louis J. Glunz PhD. Has been elected president of the agency's Board of Advisors. Glunz becomes the 27th president in a long line of social leaders committed to helping the poor through Catholic Charities.

Louis J. Glunz was the chairman and CEO of the drug-development-company Regis Technologies, Inc. in Morton Grove. He and his wife Jean reside in Wilmette and had six children. Glunz is a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of science, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Loyola Family Business Forum and Loyola University Chicago's Council of Regents.



Gold Medal winners

Keith Bilski of Worth and his friend Linda Bowlds of Orland Park won gold medals in bowling at stardust lanes in Addison, IL on Oct. 10th.

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Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If you have not heard the words "I love you" in awhile, then look within and find ways to bring them back into your life. B aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: There is nothing in your way but your own unwillingness to forgive those who have done you wrong in the past. K or C aid.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: If you can truly tell someone "I've tried," then wish them well and be on your way. Yes you are moving forward! R can help.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Peace of mind has eluded you for a long, long time. It's time to demand cooperation or set yourself free! C or K aid.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You get another chance to "get it right." Be happy that you have your "ducks lined up." F and R involved and money.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: When you see injustice or hear it being spewed, speak up! Some people simply can't or won't speak up for themselves. B aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: "and names will never hurt me." Remember that phrase? M and B help, ask.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

The Ridge Historical Society presents Small Wonder

Visit the Ridge Historical Society this Holiday season for the second annual exhibit of dollhouses and miniatures. On display will be dozens of houses and miniature scenes depicting historical and modern styles, as well as whimsical fantasies. Special programs will include a gingerbread house workshop, a coloring contest, demonstrations on completing/decorating dollhouses, and presentations on historical lifestyles.

Small Wonder needs your help for dollhouses and miniatures to be displayed and docents to greet visitors. Call the Ridge Historical Society (RHS) at 773-881-1675 if you are interested in participating. The RHS is located at 10621 S. Seeley Ave. Chicago. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 2-5pm. and Sunday from 12 noon to 5pm.

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Dream Interpretation Workshop

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a dream interpretation workshop 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 8. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Sharon Stankus will teach the five steps of dream interpretation and explain how the subconscious mind can reveal fears, desires or a different perspective on a problem through dreaming. Participants are advised to keep a dream journal before coming to this workshop so that they can get actual experience in working with dreams.

tact the Public Education Division at 708-422-2148.

Evergreen Park Fire Department zero fire deaths earns award

The Residential Fire Safety Institute has presented the Evergreen Park Fire Department with a Life Safety Achievement for the year 2003. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes local fire prevention activities that contribute to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires.

The Evergreen Park Fire Department qualified for this award in 2003 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during the year. Residential fires in the US account for only 20% of all fires but they result in 80% of all fire deaths.

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Remember when... Your mom wore nylons that came in 2 pieces?

Remember when... All male teachers wore neck ties and female teachers had their hair done and wore high heels?

Remember when...Laundry soap had free glasses, dishes, or towels hidden inside the box?

Remember when... It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents?

Remember when...They threatened to keep kid back a grade if they failed, and did?

Remember when... You and your friends would lie in the grass, on your backs, saying things like — "That cloud looks like a....."

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Remember when...No one asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked?

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Though taking this little trip down memory lane may cause you to feel a wee bit older than you care to feel, just look at it this way:

If you can remember most or all of these it means one thing—you have really lived!

Hope you enjoyed your break from your 'grown up' life while reminiscing in grand gray-haired style!

Harvest Fest comes to WJSmith Senior Living

The Residents and Staff of WJSmith Senior Living, located at 2340 W. 113th Place, Chicago, invite community members to join us for our upcoming Harvest Fest. The event will take place Saturday, November 13, 2004 and will include a luncheon, cookie sale, Drama Club performance, and treasure chest raffle. The luncheon and cookie sale will be from 11:30-1:30 pm, the Drama Club will perform the original play "Fishy Fancy" at 2:15 pm, and the treasure chest raffle will take

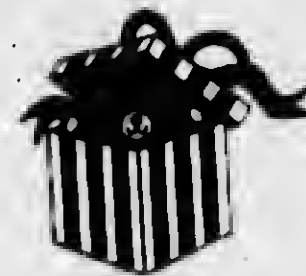
place immediately after the performance. Tickets for the luncheon are \$8 and tickets for the raffle are \$5. To purchase tickets, or for additional information, please call (773)779-8010.

Annual Craft fair to be held

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S Brandt Ave., (two blocks west of Cicero Ave.) Oak Lawn, will hold its Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 13, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. In addition to professional crafters, there will be a bake

sale, raffle, white elephant sale, and the ever-popular Christmas Room. A number of Trinity women have worked all year producing beautiful Christmas and Fall items. Luncheon food, snacks, and candy will be available all day.

Community residents and their friends are invited to spend time at Trinity during the sale on November 13. There is still limited space available for a few more crafters. Table space is \$25.00 per table. If interested, contact the church office at 9701 S Brandt Ave. or telephone 708/422-0193.



Hickory Hills Church Craft bazaar

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church Holiday Craft bazaar is Saturday, November 6, 2004 from 9:30am to 4pm. Over 35 exhibitors, which will include Christmas items, ceramics, candles, crocheted and hand sewed items, jewelry, wooden crafts, pins and stationary and much more are available. There will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch from 11am to 3pm. For information call grace at 708-423-6378. The church is located at 8426 W. 95th St. Hickory Hills.



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Richards High announces top students in academics and attendance

Every Fall at Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, the students who finished in the top ten percent of their class from the previ-

ous school year are honored at an Academic Letter Assembly. This year's assembly was held on Wednesday, October 27 in the school's

cafeteria and Little Theatre. The parents and family of each honored student were invited to attend a breakfast in honor of their student's accomplishments. The breakfast took place at 8:30 AM and at its conclusion, everyone moved to the Little Theatre for the assembly where each honored student received an Academic Letter and certificate. Everyone

was also treated to a performance by the school's concert choir under the direction of Ms. Kathleen Duffy. Over three hundred fifty students, family members, and H. L. Richards' faculty and administration attended this event.

At the same assembly, the students who earned Perfect Attendance honors for the 2003-04 school year were also honored. The parents and family of each honored student were invited to attend a breakfast in honor of their student's accomplishments. The breakfast took place in the school's cafeteria at 8:30AM and afterwards moved to the Little Theatre where they were treated to a performance by the school's concert choir. Their student received a Perfect Attendance Certificate and either a t-shirt (1 year of perfect attendance); a \$25 Best Buy Gift Certificate (2 years of perfect attendance), or a school jacket (3 years of perfect attendance). Over three hundred fifty students, parents, family members, and H. L. Richards and District 218 administration annually attend this event.

Final open house for Marist

Marist High School's final Open House for the year will be Sunday, November 21, 2004, from noon to 3:00 p.m. The event gives grammar school students and their families the chance to tour the school, meet with teachers, coaches, and staff, and review the academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs available at Marist. The day will also allow visitors to see Marist's newly renovated cafeteria and library, which

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"Thanks-giving Then and Now"

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, November 11, 2004 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, Illinois. (Note new address)

November is the month we traditionally focus on giving thanks for our overwhelming blessings.

Come join us as we visually portray and bring to life some past historical events that have changed the lives of so many through out the ages.

We humbly hope you will be entertained by the skits we have prepared for you in our rendition of "Thanksgiving".

Dinner tickets are \$12.50, available at 6:30PM at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00PM. Reser-

vations are required by November 4th. Meal choices must be given in advance. There will be a choice of soup or salad, and Dominick's Special (home-made sausage, peppers, tomato, and onion with roasted potatoes) or Meat Ravioli.

For additional information and reservations please call June at (708) 424-1656.

Worth Township Seniors trip

The Worth Township Seniors have a trip planned to White Fence Farm on Nov. 19, 2004. The trip includes a chicken meal and entertainment by patty Waszak who plays 30 musical instruments. The trip is a deluxe motor coach from 10:30am to 3:30pm and the cost is \$42.

Please make your reservation as soon as possible and payment due then. For further information Call Jean at 708-371-2900 x 28.

Beverly Arts Center fall schedule

The Beverly Arts Center presents this fall schedule with Leon Redbone a neo-vaudeville crooner with comedy on Nov 11 at 8pm. (tickets \$25). The Chicago State Jazz Band was smoking hotter than Grandma's kitchen on Thanksgiving. They perform November 12 at 8pm (tickets \$10). England's oldest opera "Dido and Aeneas" is on Saturday Nov 20 at 7:30pm. (tickets \$15). Second City favorite, Tim O'Malley's Godshow will play on Saturday November 27th.

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Chicago Symphony and Hubbard Street Dance present collaborative program

The CSO and HSD once again join forces to present three performances at Symphony Center November 4 at 8pm, Nov. 5 at 1:30pm and Nov 6 at 8pm. Following sold-out performances last year, The HSD, under the leadership of artistic director, Jim Vincent, returns to Orchestra Hall stage to perform the world premier of a work choreographed especially for the CSO's performance of Leonard Bernstein's "Prelude, Fugue and Riffs".

Conductor David Robinson will lead these concerts, which also include Stravinsky's "Three Pieces for Clarinet Solo", Stravinsky's "Symphonies of Wind Instruments" and Bartok's "The Wooden Prince". The Bernstein work is set for 15 dancers and Daniel Ezralow explores movement essence and pushes the limits of speed to create a provocative statement

about the unity of modern society.

Clarinet solos will be performed by CSO's Assistant Principal Clarinetist John Bruce Yeh. He will be playing the performance on one of the master clarinet instrument, Benny Goodman. Mr. Goodman along with Bernstein premiered the work.

HSD is now in its 26th season and is one of the most original forces in contemporary dance. The last year programming was one of the highlights of the CSO programming last year.

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Theatre news in Chicago

"Evita" the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical will play the Auditorium Theatre November 16-

28, 2004. "Evita" brings to life the dynamic, larger-than-life persona of Eva Peron, wife of the former dictator Juan Peron. In 1976, "Evita" became a global phenomenon. In 1979 it swept all theatre awards with seven Tonys. Tickets range in price from \$18-\$72.50 and are available at the box office at 50 E. Congress parkway, all Broadway in Chicago Box

Offices (22 W Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St., and 151 W. Randolph St).

The new musical "All Shook Up" features the songs of Elvis will play at the Chicago Calillac Palace Theatre from December 19, 2004 through January 23, 2005. This is a pre-Broadway engagement at Broadway in Chicago's Cadillac Theatre at 151 W. Randolph St. The new musical comedy

set in 1955 is not a biographical revue. It tells the story of a small town girl who dreams of hitting the open road and the guitar-playing roustabout who brings romance, rebellion and rock'n'roll into her life. Tickets range from \$19.95 to \$82.00 and are available at all Broadway in Chicago box offices.

Victory Gardens Theater presents "Hanging Fire" in their next presentation. Lookingglass Theatre Company current production is the world premier production of "1984" written by George Orwell. They are located at 821 North Michigan Ave.

Moraine Valley presents "The Rocky Horror Show" on Nov. 5-7. All performances will be held at the college's Dorothy Menker Theater, 10900 S.88th Ave. Palos Hills. The story is of a "sweet transvestite" and his rock-and-roll disciples. Chris peak directs the production. He received a MFA in directing from DePaul University. He recently served with The Goodman. For tickets, call the box office at 708-974-5500. General admission is \$11 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students.

Moraine Valley to host Palos Symphony Orchestra performance

The Palos Park Fine Arts Association will kick off its celebration of Illinois Arts Week October 3-9 with a performance by the Palos Symphony Orchestra at Moraine Valley Community College. The concert will take place Sunday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m., in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Under the direction of Rev. Stanley Rudcki, the Palos Symphony Orchestra will feature the music of Gershwin, Copland, Ellington, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and more.

Rev. Rudcki is a musician, a priest, and a conductor. He received his degree in Theology from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and a master of theory and composition from the Chicago Conservatory of Music. His first assignment in 1953 was to St. Michael's Church in Orland Park, and has since

had a long and successful career in education at Quigley seminary and Niles College Seminary, teaching Music and English Literature. In 1964 he organized the Niles Concert Choir, which later became the Palos Symphony Orchestra. Since retiring from his academic career, he has moved to Palos Heights, assisting at St. Alexander's Church, and continues his tradition of presenting symphonic music to the community.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors and can be ordered in person at the college Box Office or over the phone at (708) 974-5500. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Box Office also is open for an hour prior to show time. Additional information, updates and new performances can also be found on Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Web site at www.morainevalley.edu/fpac.

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Village of Orland Park Sportsplex To Host "Senior Week"

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles — November 8th through 12th

Healthy lifestyles, physical fitness and medical screenings are just some of the activities that will be offered during "Senior Week at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex," hosted by the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department. Held November 8th through the 12th, the five-day health and fitness festival promises to be an abundance of healthy activities for the region's many seniors, age 55 and older. All activities will be held at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

"Senior Week at the Sportsplex is dedicated towards the health, wellness and interests of our senior citizens, said Sportsplex Administrator Ray Piattoni. "Sportsplex will show seniors how to be active and healthy, while having fun in the process," he added.

Each day of "Senior Week at the Sportsplex" includes scheduled events held from

8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Scheduled opportunities include country line dancing, golf cages, strength training, yoga, stretching, nutrition information, shuffleboard and basketball, among others. Several health screenings will be offered including, spinal screenings, shoulder screenings, hearing screenings, and cholesterol testing. The Sportsplex will also offer light refreshments and complimentary massages.

"The Orland Park area has a wonderful senior population. We, at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, want to do our part to help seniors live life to the fullest, offering programs and activities that are tailor-made for them," explained Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department Fitness Manager Deborah Graham who is overseeing the five day fitness festival.

"Participating seniors will receive a raffle ticket at each of the activities in which they

participate," Graham explained. "The business community has been very generous, donating gift certificates, dinners and more to make this a great week for seniors," she added. Prizes from area businesses will be awarded at the end of the week.

Seniors participating in at least six activities held during the five-day program will each receive a t-shirt. Raffle drawings will be held on Friday, November 12th, including the awarding of the week's grand prize.

Pre-registration is required for many of the free events and seniors need not be Sportsplex members or residents of Orland Park to participate. All events are free with the exception of the nominal fee charged for medical screenings.

Pre-registration is required for some of the activities. Further information is available at the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue and at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. To obtain a complete schedule of the week's activities, call the Recreation and Park Department at 708/403-7275 or 708/645-7529.

Tinley Park Public Library news

Junior Bookfest, for students in grades 4-5 will take place on November 12 at 7pm in the Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library Call 708-532-0160 x 5732 to register. Quilter Cathy Riggfice will discuss her evolution as a quilter on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7pm. A trunk show of quilts made over the past 20 years will include patchwork, applique, machine and strippy. Call x 3 to register.

Pre-teens and teens grade 6-12 that enjoy performing can let the Tinley Park Public Library be the stage on Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 6:30-8:30pm. "Star wars" will be performed on the

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Looking to get shopping started? The Tinley Park Public Library will host the 2nd annual Holiday Gift Faire on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1:30-4pm. Decorative items for the home, gourmet food, candles, kitchen items, jewelry and much more will be available. Admission is free. For more information call x 3. The Tinley Park Public Library is located at 7851 Timber Lane, Tinley park, IL.

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Village of Orland Park Veterans' Day Ceremony

The Village of Orland Park and the Orland Park Veterans' Commission will host the annual Veterans' Day service at 11 a.m., Thursday, November 11, 2004. The ceremony will be held at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall Veterans' Memorial, Ara Pace. This special ceremony to honor our veterans, both living and deceased, is open to the entire community.

Father Leo Lyons, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, will officiate at the ceremony and acknowledge the families of the newly engraved veterans' names added to the memorial. Reber-Tesmond VFW Post 2604 and American Legion Orland Memorial Post 111 will present the colors.

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From Secretary of State Jesse White

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Q. What does the law say about stopping for a school bus?

A. Motorists on a two-way roadway must stop before meeting or overtaking a school bus that is loading or unloading passengers or has its stop sign signal arm extended. You may proceed when the stop arm is no longer extended, the bus resumes motion or the bus driver signals you to pass.

Frann Carnivele-Sidlow of the Orland Park Theatre Troupe will sing the National Anthem and God Bless America.

Light refreshments will be served in the Civic Center immediately following the ceremony.

For more information, please call 708/403-6203.

Fannie May to open today

Chicago-based Fannie May Confections, Inc., will open its store at Jewel, 9350 W. 159th St., in Orland Park at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 2, to the delight of many local Fannie May candylovers. The store is one of 47 retail locations opening before Thanksgiving,

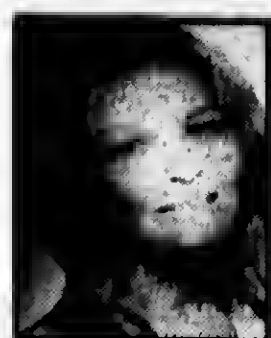
bringing back the Fannie May tradition just before the holidays.

The staggered schedule of openings leads up to the Grand Opening of the landmark Fannie May location at Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago, just south of the Michigan Avenue Bridge on Nov. 19. The Grand Opening will

mark the date when all 47 stores are expected to be open for business. Aside from locations in Illinois, Fannie May is opening two locations in Wisconsin and four in northwest Indiana. "We're using the same recipes and the same ingredients to make sure the candy tastes just the same as everyone remembers. It's been great to see the look on the faces of our loyal customers as they come in and taste the candy they love," said Alan Petrik, executive vice president and general manager of Fannie



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Orland Park Garden Walk planned Outstanding Yards Sought for 2005 Tour

Plans are underway for the Village of Orland Park's first Garden Walk on Sunday, June 26, 2005. The event, which is not a competition, is sponsored by the Open Lands of Orland Park.

Outstanding yards are being sought to participate in this special event. Six to eight homes will be chosen for this fund-raising tour. The gardens chosen for the tour will be single-family homes within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park.

The walk will begin at the Orland Park Civic Center where local landscapers, garden center and other shops will showcase their products and services at outdoor boutiques. The day will also feature refreshments and music under a large tent and informational lectures on gardens will be scheduled. Visitors will be able to tour the homes on their own or take advantage of the trolley service provided. Volunteers will be provided to help direct traf-

fic at each home on the tour. Tickets may be purchased in advance or on the day of the walk.

Residents who would like to have their yards considered for the tour are asked to send pictures of their yards along with their name, address, subdivision, and phone number to Village of Orland Park Garden Walk 2005, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462, no later than November 30, 2004. For more information, please call 708/403-6145.

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Friday November 5th—Dance will be at The VFW Hall, 16th and Harlem in Berwyn, IL. The band will be Ken Jandis.

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The Integrity Party recently announced their candidates for the November 2nd election: (Left to right) Kevin Werner-Trustee; Becky Solava-Trustee; Bonnie Price-Clerk; Barb Adamski-Trustee; and Ed Guzdziol-President.

Worth presents awards and designates honorary street signs

By Matt Mayer

Mayor Edward Guzdziol announced that this was a very festive evening for the Village of Worth at the Oct 19 Worth Board of Trustees meeting, which commenced with Guzdziol announcing "We have three individuals that we want to give recognition to, who have served the village for many years." Guzdziol read the proclamations and presented the Studs Terkel Humanities Award to Adele Benck. The Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award honors those humanities heroes whose efforts are often unnoticed and unsung. Benck has kept the humanities alive in Worth through her work on the Worth Historical Museum and is honored for her commitment and passion as a volunteer in her community. She is a member

of Care Of The Earth, a local environmental watchdog group that was instrumental in bringing city water to Worth in the 1960's. She also helped create the Worth Park District. Benck received this award specifically for her work at the Worth Historical Museum where she was instrumental in both designating the new Museum and cataloging the Museum's inventory, solely on a voluntary basis.

Guzdziol read a proclamation to designate the portion of Neenah Ave between 113th to 114th St as Norma Brewster Boulevard. Brewster and her husband Jim were residents of Worth for 48 years and resided at 11358 S. Neenah Ave. Brewster served as Village Collector for four years from 1965 to 1969 with then Village President John Boyce

and went on to serve as Collector with Village President Dan Kumingo from 1977 to 1991. Brewster also served as chairperson for the well-known Salvation Army Donut Day and was a member of the Southwest Clerks Association.

Guzdziol read a proclamation to rename Depot St between 111th St and 109th place with the honorary name of Daniel Kumingo Drive to give honor and respect to a man that has dedicated his life to serving his fellow man. Kumingo served as Village President from 1977 to 1993. Some of Kumingo's many achievements include the reconstruction of over eight miles of village streets, an oversized storm sewer system in residential areas which greatly reduced flooding, the hiring of the first full time certified

The Magick Show" at Chicago Ridge Public Library

Children age 3 through grade eight, are invited to celebrate the end of Children's Book Week with a magic program on Saturday, November 20, 2004 from 2:00-3:00pm at Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford Ave. Magician, Mike Harvatt of Evergreen Park, will present "The Magick Show" incorporating live animals, magic, music and mirth. Registration is required and can be done in person or by phone beginning November 6. For more information, please call the library at 708-423-7753.

Palos Village Players present "My Favorite Year"

The Palos Village Players present "My Favorite Year" a musical by Flaherty and Abrens with book by Joseph Dougherty at 8pm on November 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 2pm on November 14 in the Palos Park Recreational Center, 8901 W 123rd St.

The play was originally a movie comedy starring Peter O'Toole as an aging actor famous for his drunken escapades who is invited to perform on the nation's number one TV variety show. In this production Steve Bell (Evergreen Park) is cast the O'Toole role and David Bell of Justice plays the baby-sitter. The star of the variety show is played by Len Weislo (Hickory Hills). Other in the cast includes Marie Whitney (Bridgeview), Gina Dunn (Burbank), Dorothy Zmick (Oak Lawn) and from Orland Park the following: Alex DiGiovanni, Nolan and Marie Murry, Lori Rubino, Holly Rush, June Ryl-Kuchar, Richard Struzik, Bob Szcpaniski and Jim Vlaming. From Palos Heights are Peg Crawford, Joyce Eddy, Chris Sarlas and John Wenzel. Linda Presley is from Tinley Park.

Tickets for the show are \$15 (\$12 students and seniors) and can be reserved by calling 708-479-3262. There is a \$22 Theater Brunch from Hackney's Restaurant at the Nov. 14 performance. Call the restaurant 708-448-8300 for tickets and reservations. The restaurant is 123rd and LaGrange Road.

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A. If you are approaching the bus from the opposite direction, you do not need to stop. However, slow down and proceed with caution. Drivers in all lanes of traffic going in the same direction as the bus must stop.

Q. What is the penalty for passing a stopped school bus?

A. If convicted, you will lose your driving privileges for three months. If you receive two convictions within five years, your driving privileges will be suspended for one year. In addition to the suspensions, violators will be fined \$150 for the first conviction and \$500 for a second or subsequent conviction.



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Dream Interpretation Workshop

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a dream interpretation workshop 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 8. Free admission. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Sharon Stankus will teach the five steps of dream interpretation and explain how the subconscious mind can reveal fears, desires or a different perspective on a problem through dreaming. Participants are advised to keep a dream journal before coming to this workshop so that they can get actual experience in working with dreams.

contact the Public Education Division at 708-422-2148.

Evergreen Park Fire Department zero fire deaths earns award

The Residential Fire Safety Institute has presented the Evergreen Park Fire Department with a Life Safety Achievement for the year 2003. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes local fire prevention activities that contribute to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires.

The Evergreen Park Fire Department qualified for this award in 2003 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during the year. Residential fires in the US account for only 20% of all fires but they result in 80% of all fire deaths.

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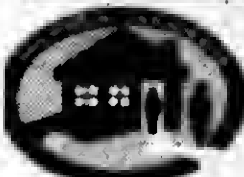
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MVCC lessons

Illinois students in instructor Jehad Matariyeh's

(seen in background) American National Government class at Moraine Valley Community College on Nov. 1, the day before Election Day. He discussed the dynamics of state and national government, running for office, how bills become laws, and the importance of voting.

Sen. Maloney serves the state's 18th district, which includes all or part of Evergreen Park, Chicago Ridge, Hometown, Worth, Palos Hills, Oak Lawn, Palos Park, Hickory Hills, Merrionette Park, Palos Heights and the Beverly, Mt. Greenwood, Morgan Park and Ashburn communities in Chicago.

Oak Lawn approves train station project ordinances

The standing room only crowd in the village chambers was overflowing into the hall ways and down the staircase to voice opposition to the ordinances for the Train Station tax increment financing (TIF) district development at the Nov 9, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. Prior to the meeting, the Cook County Tax Watch passed out a copy of a letter they presented to the board requesting a public forum be held and chaired by a neutral person in reference to the advisory referendum on the Nov 2 election ballot, which was rejected by over 80 percent of the voters. The referendum asked - "Do you support an 84 unit condominium building with retail space, a five story parking deck, Metra Station and Children's Museum planned for the area near 96th Street and 51st Avenue?"

The first ordinance pertaining to the project was an ordinance for construction variations on the east side of 51st Ave approximately 204.35 ft south of 95th St to 95th St, and the block bounded by the Norfolk and Southern Railroad right-of-way on the north, 96th St on the south, Tulley Ave on the west and 51st on the east. The ordinance is for a 4 lot resubdivision granting certain building height, front and side yard set back, rear yard set back, lot area per dwelling unit, total lot area, lot coverage, parking, parking space size, loading berth, driveway width, drive aisle width, parking space screening height and exterior wall construction variances.

Upon reading this ordinance acting village President Ron Stancik opened the ordinance for discussion.

Trustee Bob Streit said that the people of Oak Lawn have spoken on the referendum and their voices must be heard. There have been continued requests for an open community forum to address the concerns that have been raised. "This is not and should not be a community of tax payer subsidized high rises. The number of variations needed makes it painfully obvious that this is the wrong development, wrong place at the wrong time." Streit said. The crowd applauded in response to his statements. "Tonight I am renewing the call for an open forum to address the concerns, which have been raised and ask the board to work with the community and postpone these plans until after such a forum takes place" Streit said. Streit made a motion for such a forum - however the motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee Jerry Hurkes responded to Streit's request by saying "The comments that Streit continues to bring up are a rehash of the past. I voted no on that referendum - I don't want low-income housing in the center of town. I don't think any trustee on this board wants low income housing!" The crowd belled in furor, which resulted in Stancik striking his gavel on the dais to restore order. He also stopped the meeting and stated that "there will be no outbursts - consider this a warning. Our rules allow, and I would hate to do this, removal from the meeting", Stancik said.

As emotion escalated at different intervals during the meeting, three residents were escorted out. One woman shouted an insult at Hurkes prior to leaving. The crowd

yelled "That a way Murna!" One man stretched his arms out and said "Put the cuffs on if you want me out of here." Hurkes criticism towards Streit resulted in shouts and boos from the crowd.

Hurkes said that he contacted the developer in regards to the low income housing concerns and that neither the developer nor the villages have plans for such housing and that 25 units have been sold in the two weeks it's been open. Hurkes said that Streit's referendum was designed to misinform and misled the residents of Oak Lawn by injecting low-income housing in the referendum to insight fear. Hurkes made a motion to censure Streit - again the crowd erupted in furor causing Stancik to repeatedly strike his gavel on the dais to restore order. Hurkes's motion failed for lack of a second.

Streit responded by saying "The people of this town asked this board to place a referendum on the ballot" - referring to the signed petitions and shouted "You could have written the question, Trustee Hurkes. The board is not interested in what the people have to say.

It clearly states on page 19 of the ordinance that the municipality may contribute as much as 50 percent of a unit for an individual who is low income, qualifies as low income, or very low income. That's in the ordinance - Mr. Hurkes probably didn't read that far", Streit said.

The crowd again began to shout and became out of control causing Stancik to repeatedly strike his gavel to restore order as the furor heated up with the crowd. There were also several periods through out the meeting where Stan-

cik had a difficult time maintaining order not only with the crowd but also between Hurkes and Streit, who appeared to have the gloves off as they emotionally shouted over each other.

An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance south of 95th St and 51st Ave as well as an ordinance amending the Village of Oak Lawn zoning ordinance at 5100 W. 96th St. were also approved 5-1, Streit dissented.

Stancik read a letter that he drafted regarding Trustee Streit. "You come before us today, informing us of the results of a referendum vote - a vote in regard to a referendum question whose component language was misrepresented by the inclusion of low income housing in the proposed project to intimidate and frighten our residents. These tactics aren't new to you. You previously videotaped a building at 60th and Harlem as a representation of the proposed Brandt project.

Knowing that it was a misrepresentation of the project in an effort to promote your own reelection. You had a bogus issue of a newspaper and distrusted it in an effort to mislead the public by misrepresenting the truth once more."

The crowd erupted with boos, shouts and jeers several times, while Stancik read the letter. Small groups of people gathered after the meeting and vowed to continue the fight. The next meeting is November 23, 2004.

75 years for Little Company of Mary Hospital

ByMattMayer

The board briskly moved through the agenda at the Nov 1, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. The board approved a proclamation request from Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center to celebrate their seventy fifth anniversary on Jan 19, 2005.

The board approved the following business regulation certificates for the Plaza Unique Toys and Tags, a retail store for toys, pictures on tags and custom T-shirts; Jimmy Jazz, a retail store for apparel and footwear; and Verizon Wireless which will be located in the Circuit City store. The Law Office of Lynette Lewis and Real Estate Broker Linda Maguire at 3502 W. 95th St and K & G Fashion Superstore, a retail-clothing store, at 2535 W. 95th St. were also approved.

The board approved the 2005 renewal agreement with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management premium in amount of \$414, 210.00 for liability insurance. Mayor James Sexton said the village will take advantage of a 2% discount by paying prior to due date of Nov 19. This will lower the premium to \$405,925.80.

The board concurred with the Oct 12, Traffic Safety Committee meeting and approved the installation of a four way stop at 95th and Avers Ave. A petition from the Zoning Board meeting held on Oct 12, regarding the demolition and construction of a new gasoline station and mini mart to be located at 3831 W. 95th St. as well as a contract with Evergreen Paving to repave the police parking lot in the amount of \$23,090.80 were also approved.



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News of our service personnel

Army Pfc. Gabriel A. Salas has deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to engage in military operations involving U.S. and coalition forces. Operation objectives include liberating the Iraqi people, preserving Iraq as a unified

state, keeping its territorial integrity intact, and helping the Iraqi people begin the process of economic and political reconstruction. Active duty, reserve, and national guard members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces are participating in the

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Salas, an infantryman, is the grandson of Marie Alvarez of N. Albany Ave., Chicago, Ill.

His wife, Celia, is the daughter of Mohammed and G.S. Carmen Halim of S. Thomas St., Justice, Ill.

He is a 2002 graduate of Carl Schurz High School, Chicago.

Marine Corps Pvt. Frederick D. Mulvaney, son of Karen M. and Frederick D. Mulvaney of Burbank, Ill., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Mulvaney and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Mulvaney spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Mulvaney and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Mulvaney and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Mulvaney is a 2004 graduate of Marist High School of Chicago, Ill.

Army National Guard Pvt. Courtney L. Snyder has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Abbott recognized for employer support of the National Guard and Army Reserve

Abbott announced today that the company has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2004 Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) award in Illinois. The award was given in recognition for providing meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve the United States of America in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

"At no time in the nation's recent history have the National Guard and Army Reserve forces contributed so much to the defense of our nation," said Bob Hollingsworth, Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve Executive Director. "Many of America's employers have become inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset, the company's employees and we're proud to honor Abbott for their exemplary support of the employees in the National Guard and Army Reserve."

This award is presented to only a small number of employers out of the several thousands of employers with Guard and Reserve members as employees. There are currently 26,000 members of the Guard and Reserve living in Illinois.

Abbott pays the difference between a reservist's military salary and his/her Abbott salary for the duration of deployment. Abbott also pays medical and dental benefits for employees and their dependents at Abbott's expense during the time of deployment. In addition, Abbott pays supplemental income during the two weeks of mandated reserve training. Currently, there are 30 employees on military leave from Abbott's headquarters in Lake County, Ill.

"When an employer like Abbott offers generous support and benefits, they allow reservists to be less concerned with their families well being," Lt. Col. Brozak said. "We applaud Abbott and the leadership it shows in supporting their guardsmen called to active duty."

About ESGR

ESGR committees work with employers, reservists and military leaders to build and maintain a strong base of support for the role of the National Guard and Army Reserve. The unique mission of ESGR is to "gain and maintain active employer support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the Guard and Reserve as defined by demonstrated employer commitment to employee military service." To learn more about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities please visit their Web site at www.esgr.org.

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During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Snyder is the daughter of Geralyn Howard of S. Natalie Drive, Oak Forest, Ill., and Ronald Snyder of W. 160th Place, Tinley Park, Ill.

She is a 2004 graduate of Oak Forest High School, Ill.

Army Staff Sgt. Bruce M. Bovenkerk has arrived for duty at the Madison Recruiting Station, Wis.

The sergeant is a recruiter with 13 years of military service.

He is the son of Marge Nydam of Old Creek Road, Palos Park, Ill.

His wife, Kathleen, is the daughter of Helen Grosse of

Oak Lawn, Ill.

Bovenkerk graduated in 1980 from Chicago Christian High School, Palos Heights, Ill., and received an associate degree in 2001 from Texas Christian University.

Army Spec. Jose M. Perez has deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to engage in military operations involving U.S. and coalition forces. Operation objectives include liberating the Iraqi people, preserving Iraq as a unified state, keeping its territorial integrity intact, and helping the Iraqi people begin the process of economic and political reconstruction. Active duty, reserve, and national guard members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces are participating in the operation.

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ther to augment soldiers serving in country or to replace soldiers whom had completed their tour of duty.

Perez, a cannon crewmember, is a 1999 graduate of Oak Forest High School, Ill.

Air Force Airman Rebecca Gomez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. She is the daughter of Adriana and Jose Gomez of W. 86th St., Burbank, Ill. Gomez is a 2004 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank.

The Holly Trolley is back this shopping season

The Village of Evergreen Park is once again offering free trolley rides along 95th Street from Pulaski to The Plaza this holiday season. The first ride is scheduled for Friday, November 26th beginning at 10 a.m. at the municipal lot on 95th & Ridgeway.

Rides will continue until 4 p.m. Stops will be made at Harding, Ridgeway (municipal lot), Millard, Homan, (municipal lot), Kedzie, Utica, Campbell, and then around the Plaza. Trolley rides will also receive a special bonus, a coupon book

featuring discounts to some of your favorite stores in the Plaza.

For additional information call 422-1551. The trolley will also run from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 18 and Sunday, December 19 for last minute shoppers. This year's trolley is sponsored by The Plaza, Applebee's, and the Evergreen Park Chamber of Commerce. Remember... shop Evergreen Park this holiday season!

Consul from South Korea to participate in dedication of memorial honoring District 218 alumni killed during Korean War

Consul Sang Shik Park, a diplomat from the Republic of Korea consulate in Chicago, participated in the dedication of a memorial honoring District 218 alumni on Wednesday, November 10.

Consul Park served as one of three guest speakers at the ceremony. Other speakers included Niels Larsen, the commander of the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, and Lieutenant Colonel Ryan Yantis, the Midwest director of public affairs for the U.S. Army who spent part of his career with the Second Infantry Division serving in Korea.

The audience included 10 family members of district

alumni who died in military service, more than 50 Korean War veterans, classmates, school administrators, teachers and students.

The district hosted the event at its Administrative Center, 10701 S. Kilpatrick Ave. in Oak Lawn, starting at 10 a.m. The ceremony lasted about 40 minutes.

Because many who served in the armed forces have committed themselves to attending parades and other ceremonies on November 11, the district scheduled this event the day before Veterans Day.

The event, which was not open to the general public, included the dedication of a plaque bearing the names of

the district alumni who died serving their nation. The plaque will be displayed in an exhibit across from the Board of Education meeting room at the Administrative Center. The exhibit will be adjacent to exhibit honoring district alumni who died in World War II. Prior to Veterans Day in 2005, the district will dedicate another memorial honoring alumni who died in the Vietnam War.

Students who participated include the colorguard detail from the United States Marine Corps' Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program from Eisenhower High School; an ensemble from the Richards High school concert band; and, a soloist from the Richards High School concert choir.

District 218 alumni who died in the Korean War include Manuel Alvarado, Humbert Ambriz, George Bemis, John Hummel, Carl Krawiec, Adrian Kusiolek, Terence McNulty, Lawrence Mrotek, James Patten, Jr., Lavern Statler, and Raymond Sutherland.

Youth Commission "News"...

Coats are still being accepted through Nov. 30 to help the needy through the winter months. Any good, clean coat, or sweater, may be brought to the Youth Commission, Room 105, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For info, call 708/229-3377.

The Youth Commission is running their annual "Family Turkey Shoot" on Saturday, November 20th. For a fee of \$5.00 per team, one child and one adult shoot freethrows for frozen turkeys for Thanksgiving. Limit 2 teams per family; 5th thru 8th grade residents of Evergreen Park only. You must register at the Community Center before Nov. 15th. For more info, call 708/229-3377.

St. Xavier U Concert Band performs.

The St. Xavier University Concert Band, will present a concert at 3pm, Sunday, De-

cember 5 in McGuire Hall on the University's Chicago Campus, 3700 W. 103rd St.

The performance is to include some great new music for the concert band as well as established standards. General admission is \$6 and student and seniors is \$5. Come and enjoy us for an afternoon of great music.

State Rep. Bob Rita sends thanks

A note was received after elections from State Representative Robert "Bob" Rita of the 28th District to thank the voters on the 28th District for their trust and support in his re-election to the Illinois House of Repre-

EP OCS news

The Office of Senior Citizens' Services is pleased to announce a partnership with Carson Pirie Scott (Evergreen Plaza Store). Carson's has planned a series of Senior's day events on November 17, December 1 and January 12: all Wednesday's from 9am to 1pm. The OCS Mini-bus will provide transportation to Carson's Senior' Day Events. Phone OCS 422-8776 for a reservation at least one week before each date.

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First Candidates to announce to Village View their slate

Terrence R. ("Terry") Vorderer announces his candidacy for Mayor of the Village of Oak Lawn, Illinois, along with MaryA. Allison as candidate for Village Clerk.

"I am running for Mayor of Oak Lawn because I believe that residents deserve the attention of a full-time Mayor with integrity and energy to lead the Village, says Vorderer. This is a busy time for Oak Lawn, with many new commercial development projects being planned.

The Mayor needs to set the vision for the Village, with input from residents and in conjunction with Village Trustees.

I believe the Village should embrace progress at a pace that is comfortable for its residents."

"I love this Village; I have lived here my entire life," says Vorderer. "I am committed to Oak Lawn and its citizens, and I promise to bring the best I have to its government. I am committed to making sure that Oak Lawn remains the great place it has been to live and raise

families."

"As your Mayor, I will work with the Trustees and Village staff to (1) keep Oak Lawn safe and secure through effective Police and Fire Departments; (2) provide efficient services through dedicated Village employees; (3) manage commercial development so that it fits the character of the community; and (4) support strong schools."

Vorderer has a well-rounded background of management and service in Oak Lawn. He was the Chief of Police Patrol, retiring in January 2003 after 34 years of service. At that time, the Village recognized Vorderer for his outstanding leadership. He is currently Vice President of the Oak Lawn Park District. He also has served on the Oak Lawn High School District 229 Citizens' Committee.

Vorderer is campaigning with Mary Allison for the position of Village Clerk. Mary also has a career of service, as past President of Community High School District 218

for 16 years and a board member for 18 years, working to improving education for children. Mary also has experience working on Tax Financing ("T.I.F.") development within District 218.

"There are many important issues on the minds of residents. The Village must solicit and consider residents' input on matters such as business development, changing the town center, increased traffic congestion, etc.

Terry and I have a combined total of 52 years of providing excellent service to Oak Lawn. We have the experience and skills needed to successfully manage the Village, and we will improve the lines of communication with residents. Fresh leadership is crucial to the future of our Village, and we will work to keep Oak Lawn safe and financially strong."

The April 5th election is an important voting date for the citizens of Oak Lawn because there is no incumbent for the positions of Mayor and Clerk. For the first time in many years, voters can have their voices heard by electing new leadership for their community.

Vorderer and Allison ask for your vote in the April 5th election.

For more information, contact: Terry Vorderer at telephone 708-422-3108 or e-mail TVorder@aol.com

Mary Allison at telephone 708-425-5653 or e-mail R.M.Allison@comcast.net



Pictured, left to right, Darlena Williams-Burnett, Ray Wolverton and Eugene "Gene" Moore.

Deputy Chief of Recorder of Deeds Office explains new data base

"Our database index (DIMS) was on the county mainframe, our images were on the county AS/400 and our cashing was locally based," said Chief Deputy Recorder of Deeds Darlena Williams-Burnett, "the aligning of all three systems on one platform just made good sense."

"In my many years of public service, this website and the services it can provide, count among the best of my accomplishments. Now it is possible for the citizens of Cook County to have easy, affordable access to all the records my office holds," Moore said.

Residents of Cook County can use this site to:

View the history of their property back to 1985

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documents relating to their property and receive them on their computer instantaneously.

Look at other properties in their neighborhood and track their sales to get estimates of the value of their own home.

Lenders can use this site to view outstanding loan information and loan release filings to clear their files of paperwork or authorize home loans.

Title companies can use this site to verify title policies and do valuable property abstracts.

In the future, CCRD plans to be able to record documents electronically, allowing potential customers to prepare and record their documents on-line without visiting our office.

The savings in costs and labor resulting from the most recent improvements will be applied toward increasing the quality and quantity of our information. The 50 cent fee collected on electronic transactions will be deposited into the CCRD technology fund to apply to future improvements.

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Successful fall festival

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The finale was the raffle drawing for all the attendees. There were eleven raffle prizes and everyone was able to choose which prize they wanted to win.

The value of the prizes were from \$500.00 to \$100.00. The Roja spa

raffled off two Thermage tips used for the treatment, one Botox-Cosmetic treatment, one Restylane treatment, as well as various spa treatments, and baskets of products from Jan Marini and Janc Iredale.

So it seems from all accounts the Fall Open House at Roja Medical Spa has been a phenomenal success, with all happy participants. Now maybe it is time for you to take advantage of the recent Fall Festival discounts and don't forget to mention this add in the Village View Newspapers to get your specials.

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Recorder of Deeds Office presents speaker

Attorney Askia Abdullah, an official for Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before NARFE #1106, Wednesday, Nov 17 at 10:15am at the Oak Lawn Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond, Oak lawn.

He will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office. Abdullah received his JD from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan

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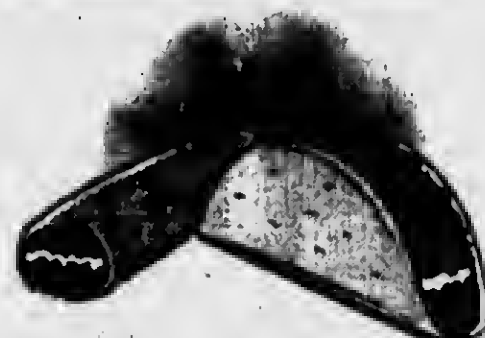
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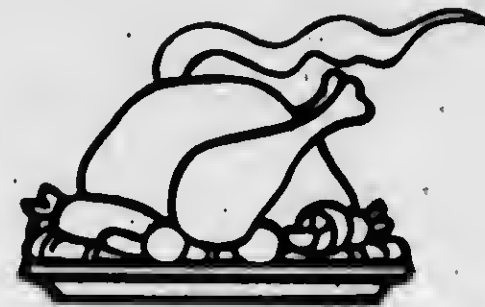
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: If "reason" says to say "no" then say "no" without guilt or regret. If it says to say "yes" then say "yes." Okay? Now move on!

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Sometimes we simply have to "let go!" You have held much too tight to your anger and guilt, you were not "always wrong!"

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Since you cannot unsay what has been said nor undo what has been done, turn it all loose. You'll have much to plan this week!

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Your own inner-spirit knows when you need healing, forgiveness and tenderness, believe it. Listen to your thoughts and dreams.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Take the time to reshape your thoughts about who you are and whom you may need beside you in the future. Relax!

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Money is not the "root of all evil." People who spend it, save it or invest it know enough to keep this truth a big secret.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Beyond tomorrow is an entire new attitude and financial expectation coming your way. Make today your first step to success.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You are as weak as your weakest link, true, but, you are also as strong as your strongest link-love! Be more positive!

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Stop! Look! Listen! So many positive things are on your immediate horizon, you might think you are dreaming! Pisces helps.

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The *Laci Peterson ShortFile* online soon. It's called "*Laci & Krissy*." Even the title is a mystery, until you read it.

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"Numi" is back...online

My Psychic Observations & Insights: Hypnosis/Meditation

An adaptation from the Harvard Mental Health Letter explains the "link" between sensory pain and emotional pain. Such pain is said to be "rooted" in the nervous system. Hypnosis and Meditation reach deeply into the Mind-Body, therefore these techniques are now being accepted as useful (being non-invasive and requiring no drugs) in dealing with physical as well as mental pain. Some people actually profess to be able to know how much pain it takes to be a true sufferer of pain! "Tough love" is what many people fall back on to deal with people in pain. This can be mean, ugly and even dangerous. It bespeaks of their own lack of or "practiced inability" to show compassion for anyone but themselves. Maybe they simply enjoy seeing someone else suffering! Two very good ways to deal with pain and suffering are Hypnosis and Meditation, whether the pain is emotional or physical, especially when pain pills fail and anti-depressive drugs are driving someone to consider or try suicide, Both Alyn and I are Certified as Medical Hypnotherapists. Try it!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Mount Assisi Academy's International Club sponsors Teddy Bear Drive

November is "Native American Heritage Month" and Michelle Raffanti, a senior and President of the International Club at Mt. Assisi Academy, wanted to do something to help increase awareness of this. She contacted the Council of Indian Nations in Colorado and did some research. Michelle found that Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota covers the poorest two counties in the nation with an unemployment rate of 86% and 63% live below the federal poverty level.

It is home to approximately 40,000 Lakota (Sioux) with over 35% under the age of 16 years.

Mt. Assisi's International Club is sponsoring "Hug -

A-Bear" through the month, collecting new and gently used Teddy Bears. All the bears will be donated to the children at the Park Ridge Reservation. "After learning so much, we wanted to do something to acknowledge the Native American Heritage Month, but also to help the children.

The Council of Indian Nations will help us coordinate the distribution with the local firemen so the children will receive a huggable bear for Christmas," states Michelle.

Sr. Mary Francis, Principal of Mt. Assisi says, "Our girls are very sensitive to the needs of others. We do not need mandatory service hours because they all get involved in many different things. This month alone, they are doing our annual food drive, a special clothing drive, "Tree of Love" gifts for Christmas and now "Hug-A-Bear". They make me very proud." If you want to contribute a Teddy Bear to their cause, you can drop it off at the main entrance of the school, 13860 Main Street in Lemont or call 630-257-7844.



Maria Runner, Rene Mulligan of Maria High School

Maria teacher runs for funds

At Maria High School a Theology teacher and Cross-Country assistant coach, Rene Mulligan, can run 26.2 miles in 3hrs and 1 min. Rene has watched Maria's Cross-Country coach Rob Kordura run in the 2003 Chicago Marathon and felt inspired by him and the tens of thousands of people participating for many reasons. Persons running in support of a cause have touched Rene. Her cause is to raise money for the Faculty and Staff Scholarship at Maria high School.

By May she initiated training. Some of her training took place in the desert of Chimbote, Peru, where she served as a volunteer a few years ago. She continued her training schedule. At the marathon she and her partner ran together at an average of 6'55" minutes per mile. By mile 23 every muscle wanted to stop. She ran the last miles with her mind and heart. She was the 57th woman to finish the race in the time cited above and she qualified for the competitive Boston marathon. She raised over \$600 for Maria High School.

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FALLING INTO AUTUMN

Change is good, especially when you have no choice but to go with the flow - which is definitely the case when you're talking about the change of seasons.

Personally, I look forward to the change of pace. Too much fun in the sun is over rated anyway. There's no such thing as a healthy tan, which we all know is true, especially when you catch the sight of someone who has over done the fake bake, otherwise known as the tanning salon.

Yesterday I actually saw a surfer girl wanna be with bleached blond hair and the skin the color of a Jack-O-Lantern. Not a good look!

As the days get shorter, hopefully, that artificial sun kissed look will fade away as well.

I don't know about you but I'm kind of looking forward to pulling out the woolen sweaters and serving up hot chocolate after a hearty dinner of beef stew. There's nothing quite like the aroma of vegetable soup simmering on the stove, or the serenity of curling up with a good book on a chilly night. The soothing pitter patter of rain drops gently tapping on the windowpane has the power to lull us into comfy cozy oblivion.

Ahhh, the creature comforts of Fall.

For some of us this change of season brings a welcome change of clothing attire. We can now enjoy the leisure of sweat suits, while kidding ourselves into believing we've got 8 months to get in shape for yet another summer of swim suit wear.

I like the fact that life slows down this time of year. Instead of missing dinners in favor of catching games at the baseball field, we have a chance to relax after dinner as families gather around the T.V to watch the much anticipated premiers of their favorite shows.

Autumn leaves will put on a much adorned fashion show, as their free fall from towering trees showers the ground with beautiful colors of gold, rust, red, yellow, and brown.

It's good to have a change of scenery. And, thanks to living in the Windy City we don't ever have to worry about being stifled into existing in one continual climate.

Nothing stays the same for very long, which I was reminded of while out shopping for a birthday present.

The entire area, of the store, that recently held garden and outdoor supplies is now filled with Christmas merchandise — an odd sight since Halloween is barely over.

Endless aisles stocked with smiling Santas and other assorted holiday fare instantly caught my husband's eye. Up and down the aisles he browsed, taking in all the decorating possibilities. But, I had to draw the line when a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made it into our cart. (I cannot agree to buying Christmas decorations before the haunting Halloween decorations have yet to be put away.

I'm trying to seize the moment — to savor all the positive effects that falling into Autumn has to offer. For I know it won't be long till we'll be skating into the frozen abyss of winter bliss.

Help for high school seniors in the 'College Zone'

For thousands of high school seniors, college in fall 2005 seems a long way off. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) advises college-bound seniors to begin the college application process now. 'College Zone' a free comprehensive resource for college information in Illinois provides the following check-list to help students and parents to successfully navigate the college application process.

1. Fall focus: applications, financial aid, and scholarships: Research colleges for key pieces of information: (programs, location, admission applications, scholarships and housing). November is the admission application deadline for priority consideration in many colleges.

2. Winter focus: finalize applications, submit FAFSA (Free Application for federal Student Aid) as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Obtain copy on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Attend a financial aid workshop and continue grant and scholarship research. In Feb. contact colleges to confirm receipt of application materials. Maintain grades as colleges look for a strong finish.

3. Spring focus: college acceptance, selection. Watch for acceptance and financial award letters in April.

Compare colleges based on key issues such as strength, costs and value. Secure enrollment with forms and submit deposit by deadline. Submit paper work for room and board. Send thank you notes to the teachers and mentors who helped you. Attend proudly your graduation.

4. Summer focus: finalize college plans: send final transcript to selected college, sign up for and attend freshman orientation events, finalize housing arrangements and register for fall courses.

Visit www.collegezone.com, or call 1-800-899-4722 for detailed information on college planning, estimating financial aid, early planning/ saving and other information. College Zone Outreach Centers are located on every community college campus in Illinois.



Cook County Circuit Court : Rumpelstiltskin vs the Queen

Through out the year the Academically Talented students of Oak Forest High School are invited to attend field trips geared towards the arts and sciences. The Circuit Court of Cook County sponsored the dramatic group, Fairy Trials Productions. The production entitled, "Rumpelstiltskin" vs the Queen" was a reenactment of the popular fairy tale Rumpelstiltskin, only with emphasis on the fact that the Queen breached her contract with the funny little man who spun straw into gold. The play included a trial complete with lawyers and participation by several Oak Forest students. The audience was the jury and was charged with whether to find for the plaintiff, Rumpelstiltskin or the defendant, the Queen.

Moraine Valley president selected NCMPR District 3 Pacesetter of the Year

Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, president of Moraine Valley, was selected 2004 Pacesetter of the Year by District 3 of the National Council for marketing and Public Relations for his leadership and support of the college's efforts to make the community aware of its programs and services. District 3 is made up of community college marketing and public relations professionals in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Ontario.

In receiving the award, Dr. Crawley also was recognized for his efforts to open a new education center in Blue Island that was an under-served area of the college district

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The Nutcracker presentations

by Marijo Doody

Salt Creek Ballet presents annual production of "The Nutcracker"

As the holiday season approaches, visions of Sugar Plum Fairies are again guiding the steps of Salt Creek Ballet's eritically acclaimed production of "The Nutcracker". This holiday favorite features world-class guest artists, a cast of more than 80 and a 50- piece symphony orchestra at the Hinsdale and Governors state performances. The Salt Creek "The Nutcracker" will play in three Chicago-land area venues for the holiday season. Having seen the excellent production last year, it is highly recommended. This year featured guest artists from the American Ballet Theatre will play the principal roles.

Hinsdale Central Auditorium, 55th and Grand in Hinsdale is on Sat. Nov. 27 at 1 and 5pm and Sun the 28 at 1pm. For tickets call the Salt Creek Ballet at 630-769-1199. At the Paramount Theatre in Aurora on Dec 4 at 1 and 5 are performances. The box office is 630-896-6666 located at 23 E. Galena Blvd.

Performances at the Governors State University, Center for Performing Arts are Dec 11 at 1 and 5pm. The Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform the score live as part of the program. Call the box office for tickets at 708-235-2222.

"The Nutcracker" presentations

by Marijo Doody

Joffrey's production of "The Nutcracker" returns for 16 performances at the Auditorium Theatre Dec 15-26, 2004. It features the full Joffrey Ballet company, plus Arpino Apprentices, seasonal dancers and a puppeteer augmented by four local children's choruses and 125 young dancers ages nine through fourteen. The Chicago Sinfonietta orchestra under the direction of Dr. Leslie Dunner provides musical accompaniment.

Prior to the Chicago engagement, The Joffrey Ballet will take a seasonal tour to the John F Kennedy Center for Performing Arts

(Washington DC), the Detroit Opera House and the Hatcher Auditorium (Iowa City). Chicago performance schedule is Dec. 15-26. Dec 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 26 at 7pm. Also Dec 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 26 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15-\$90. Call 312-902-1500.

There is a special \$10 college student "rush" ticket available an hour before curtain for any remaining tickets. A Student ID is necessary.

Oak Lawn Park District latest show is announced

The fall production in the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre (OLPDT) is "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" that will play two weekends in November: 12-14 and 18-21. The playbill in front of the OLPD has the name "The Best Little Chicken Ranch in Texas", because of community unrest in the original title.

Local actors partaking in the production are as follows: Julie Spencer, Jennifer Gagel, Mimi Pahis, Lauren Carroll (Tinley Park); Joel Craig, Julie Benos, Albert Clark (Oak Lawn); Paul & Josie Nirchi, Amanda Ketchum, Gina Guarino, (Orland Park); Andy Kolanowski, Jim Javier (Oak Forest); Sharon Canariato (Palos Hills); Tony Echauz, Dave Walters (Burbank). Producer is Dave Heilmann, director Brad Kisner, Josie Nirchi is assistant director, the choreographer and music director are Tom Fagon and Kristie Macahay and the conductor and set designer are Bill Hanson and Gil Oliva.

The story is based on the true story of a Texas brothel known as the Chicken Ranch. It operated from 1840's until its doors closed in 1973.

Remy Bumpo Theatre presents "Arcadia"

The Remy Bumpo Theatre holiday season presents Tom Stoppard's romantic mystery "Arcadia" November 24-Jan 2, 2005. Curtain times are: Wed. through Sat. at 7:30pm and Sun. at 2:30pm. Tickets are on sale at the Victory Gardens Box Office at 773-871-3000.

In 1809, in an English country house, 13 year old Thomasina baffles both her family and tutor when she foresees advance concepts. 180 years later, in the same room, a biologist and historian try to reconstruct the lives of earlier occupants.

Stoppard cleverly intertwines the time periods. They play out in truth and time, the classical and the romantic and the comically disruptive influence of sex on the journey through life.

Author Stoppard was born in Czechoslovakia and lived in Singapore, India and in England. He received the Tony Award in New York in 1968 for the one-act play "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead".

"Arcadia" was first performed in 1993 and ran in London until 1995 to critical acclaim.

A Fireside Christmas

by Marijo Doody

In Fort Atkinson, WI, at the Fireside Inn, an excellent combination of fine dining and professional theatre is presented year around. Until December's end, A Fireside Christmas 2004 is presented. The musical has excellent singers, dancers, children and adults along with traditional carols and the Nativity tabloid.

The 2005 season selections at Fireside have been announced and are the following: "Swing on a Star", "West Side Story", "Beauty and the Beast", "Damn Yankees" and "A Fireside Christmas 2005". Season tickets and individual shows are on sale at 800-477-9505.

The dining area is now

charming as the Christmas decorations are a delight. The various shops with many unusual Christmas and holiday things are all available for shopping.

Fireside Inn is a place that many groups come to from a four-state area. The Fireside Inn location is Bus. Hwy 26 South, PO Box 7, Fort Atkinson, WI. 53538. Call the 800 number or 920-563-9505.

News from Oak Lawn Public Library

The Opera Lecture: "The Cunning Little Vixen" will be at the library on Sunday, November 21 at 2:00pm. The meeting is in the lower level meeting room. Presentation is sponsored by Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

The OLPL collects used eyeglasses for VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity), a non-profit organization that provides free eye exams and eyeglasses to people in poverty stricken areas of underdeveloped countries. Donations are accepted at the library's reception Booth year-round.

Applications are available at the library's Reception Desk, first floor for the two community group display

cases available monthly by individuals, local community groups and organizations that are interested in exhibiting special collections, handicrafts, activities and creative works. The library contact is Linda Olsen at 708-422-4990.

News from Evergreen Park Library

The Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, is offering a rare opportunity to take a guided tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Frederick C. Robie House on Saturday, December 4. Peek behind the walls of this architectural landmark, currently undergoing restoration, to learn how the building was originally constructed in 1910.

Then visit the lovely "Christmas Around the World" at the Museum of Science and Industry. An exhibit that began as a United Tribute to American Allies during World War II, this time-honored tradition now features over 50 trees decorated with crafts and ornaments hand-made by members of Chicago's multicultural communities. The cost is \$35 per person. Lunch is on your own. The bus leaves the library at 8:45am and returns at about 3:45pm. Reservation deadline is Nov. 26. Contact the library!

Moraine Valley's DeCaprio Art Gallery hosts

"Exploring da Vinci: A Man for Many Seasons"

Moraine Valley Community College is hosting "Exploring da Vinci: A Man for Many Seasons," an exhibition celebrating the 550-year legacy of the Leonardo da Vinci's artistic contributions, in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery, located in the college's Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The exhibit will be on display through December 1.

Ten Chicago-based contemporary artists with a common admiration for the works of da Vinci came together to develop a traveling exhibit that pays tribute to this master artist. Featured works are in oils, pastels, charcoal, and mixed media to represent the essence of their creations, all with a concentrated objective to produce works that reflects the artist Da Vinci providing an opportunity to view locally and nationally recognized artists, the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery hours are Monday through Fri. from 9 until 4:30 p.m.

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Village offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Village of Orland Park offices will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The

Cashier's Office will be open Saturday, November 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Regular hours resume Monday, November 29.



50 year pin

Pictured: Marine veteran, Ralph Matul, of Oak Forest

received his 50-year pin from VFW Rhine Post 2729 at the annual awards dinner, September 12th. Ralph, a Life Member and Past Post commander (1960-61), initiated the Ring Bearer Club at the Post 47 years ago. The presentation of an insignia ring to honor members deserving of recognition for their service continues today



Bremen High School receives 50 years of recognition

Bremen High was awarded special recognition signifying 50 years of accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

Dick, Spohr, NCA Illinois Ambassador, congratulated Dr. Marcia Mendenhall, Principal of Bremen High School, "Fifty years of North Central Association accreditation is an honor of which everyone in the school and community can be proud. The school has made a long-term commitment to offering a quality educational program to the young people which it serves."

Although the NCA was founded in 1895, the first list of accredited schools was not published until 1904. Almost 350 schools in Illinois have been recognized since 1984 for being accredited for 50 years.

Today, over 9,600 public and private secondary schools, elementary schools, colleges and universities in 19 states, plus the Department of Defense Dependent Schools around the world, have joined together in the NCA in a cooperative quest for educational change and improvement.

Quality education is an imperative today. North

Central Association accreditation and its required continuous school improvement process help schools clarify their goals, recognize their strengths and limitations, and implement changes to help better meet the needs of today's students and improve student performance.

Accreditation by the North Central Association ensures that the school has the resources to provide a quality education for all students. By meeting standards and requiring school improvement, the NCA stimulates the school towards continuous improvement and increasing student performance. This is accountability in action.

Regional accreditation, which provides optional, voluntary, self-policed membership criteria for schools, achieves a large degree of quality control, yet does not forfeit that unique and invaluable feature of American education-local governance of the schools.

NCA accreditation helps build public confidence by assuring the public that the school is meeting expectations and fulfilling not only local standards, but also those more widely accepted throughout the state and the nation.

and holiday carolers from Carl Sandburg High School and Liberty School will provide continuous entertainment throughout the afternoon. Also, 99.9FM Nine Radio Station will be at the event to meet and greet everyone with giveaways and to provide music.

Admission to the event is free. Trader Joe's will pro-

vide an array of delicious desserts and Jamba Juice will be offering samples of fruit smoothies. The Orland Park Theatre Troupe will sponsor concessions for sale offering hot dogs, cheese dogs, chili dogs, hot chocolate, soda and coffee.

For more information, please call 708/403-6145.

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News from Tinley Park Public Library

Kaleidoscope Strings, a local trio of musicians, will be performing classical selections at the Tinley Park Public Library on Sunday, November 21, at 2pm. A collection of flute, violin and cello will play Mozart, Hayden, and others. All three musicians have played with area orchestras and have extensive musical background. Registration can be done either in person, or by phone at 708-532-0160 x 3.

Kids, come ready for bed with your favorite stuffed animal to our brand new family story-time. Children ages through age 8 and their parents/guardians are invited on Friday, November 19 from 7-7:45pm to join in an evening of stories and relaxation. Register at x 5732. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

Orland Park kicks off holiday season

The Village of Orland Park will kick-off the holiday season by hosting the 2004 Winter Festival on Sunday, November 28th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The festivities begin at 3 p.m. with the arrival of Mayor Dan McLaughlin and Santa at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. The Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. outside the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, where Mayor McLaughlin will turn on the village tree lights and holiday displays along Ravinia Avenue, officially marking the start of the holiday season.

The entire community is invited to join Mayor Dan McLaughlin and the Village Board of Trustees as the village celebrates the start of the holiday season in Orland Park. Visit with Santa and take a sleigh ride, enjoy Doc Morrissey's Christmas Show and test your talents at family karaoke. The kids will enjoy face painting, make and take crafts and Balloons by Dapper.

Orland Dance Company, Orland Park Community Band

Tax saving opportunity

Alan Nadolna writes the following: Tax-Saving opportunity his Way to Wealth. If you, like so many others, purchased variable life insurance coverage, you are probably disappointed. Between poor market performance and contact costs, many of these policies have values well below the amount invested. The problem is compounded by the fact that surrendering the contract will only yield the net value and there is no tax relief from losses, as with traditional investments.

There is a strategy that can make the situation more palatable. Transfer the value of the variable life policy to a variable annuity. This can be done on a completely tax-free and cost free basis, under Internal Revenue Section 1035.

If you use a "c" share annuity, with no surrender charges, you can, after one year and one day, surrender

the annuity and claim the amount of the loss against ordinary income instead of capital gains-what an advantage. If the annuity generates gains, you can keep it and enjoy the recovery of your investment. As an advantage, you can withdraw the original investment in the annuity with no tax as it is a withdrawal of basis, and leave the gain in a tax-deferred contract with no surrender charges.

This strategy presupposes that you give up the life insurance or will replace the coverage in other ways. For further information contact Associates in financial planning at 800-428-9786 or 847-509-5090.

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Plans for a new museum complex in Palos Park

by Carlene O'Connor

At the last council meeting of Palos Park, official plans for a new museum complex and more business development were discussed. All of these plans will not involve using residents' tax money. At the 2nd election, a one-half sales percent tax increase was approved. Resident input will be sought at three workshops and open meetings on how to plan the new site. The Metropolitan Water

District (MWRD) owns the property along the cal sag channel in Palos Park and is very cooperative about plans being made for a museum and a boat launch. These plans are exciting and hopefully they can be followed through.

Palos Bank and Trust Prestige Club

The Prestige Club of Palos Bank and Trust is now one year old and is coming to fruition. Its first year was a success of growth, member satisfaction and participation

in club activities.

Membership has grown to 1000 at August's end and activities included: day trips, plays, book reviews, mystery tours, architectural tours, river cruises, short overnight trips, seminars and longer trips.

Prestige Club members can refer a friend and earn Prestige Club certificates redeemable towards trips, programs and events.

One qualifies for a Prestige Club membership with \$5000 in a savings account, or \$7500 in a money market, or \$10,000 in a CD. Call 708-448-9100 x 2065 for details.

VA Announces Funding for Gulf War Illnesses

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi today announced up to \$15 million in additional research funding for Gulf War illnesses.

"We still don't have a definitive cause for Gulf War illnesses," Principi said. "There has to be a reason why some of our veterans came home healthy, while others serving alongside them did not."

Although the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is still examining the committee's detailed, 143-page report, Principi



Among more than 1,000 volunteers needed to keep the State Street Thanksgiving Parade marching on, Balloon Handler is one of the most coveted positions. It takes close to 300 individuals to ride herd over the Parade's dozen, gigantic helium balloons. For a 2004 Parade volunteer applications, log on to www.chicagofestivals.org or call (312) 781-5680.

State Street parade needs volunteers

Most Chicagoans know holidays have arrived when they see a 45-foot tall inflatable Rudolph flying high over the historic State Street. This year's 71st annual State Street Thanksgiving Parade pulls out all the stops as one of the country's top five televised parades.

More than 2800 marching musicians, 200 horses and a colorful collection of clowns, tumblers, twirlers and assorted merrymakers will step off at 8:30am on Thursday, Nov 25 from State and Congress in Chicago.

said he is convinced there is sufficient justification for further scientific research.

The funding commitment represents the department's single largest set-aside of research funding for a specific area of investigation and could constitute up to nearly 20 percent of VA's new research grant awards for FY 2005. Over the past decade, VA has spent more than \$50 million for research into Gulf War illnesses, and much of that work is still ongoing.

Worth Village Clerk receives Certified Municipal Clerk Designation

By Matt Mayer

The Nov 3, Worth Village Board Meeting commenced with Mayor Edward Guddziol reading a letter from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Inc stating that Village Clerk Bonnie Price was awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). Price had already earned the award designation of Registered Municipal Clerk, which is a prerequisite prior to her (CMC). A round of applause followed the announcement.

Guddziol also read a letter he received from Chicago Ridge Mayor, Eugene Siegel, who recently was elected President of the Illinois Municipal League requesting Guddziol's acceptance to serve on the Illinois Municipal League's Legislative Committee, which he accepted.

The board approved a contract with Accurate Consulting Ltd. The firm provides a service for municipalities, which consists of analyzing electric bills for the purpose of receiving money for overcharges from Commonwealth Edison. The firm analyzes all the electric bills for the municipality such as the Police and Fire Department, Public Works etc. If any rebates are found, the consulting firm splits the money 50/50 with the village. A contract with Groen Waste for refuse pickup was also approved. The next meeting is Nov 23.

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Christmas bazaar and bake sale

Saturday, November 20th, 11:00 am. until 2:00 pm., St. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, 13153 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Island is having a bazaar. Come and see a large selection of Christmas items.

They will have a Sloppy Joe plate, dessert and dessert for just \$5.00 along with carry outs if needed.

ing.

"I appreciate the hard work done during the last two and a half years by my special advisory committee, led by Jim Binns," Principi said. "I know they share my commitment to solve this

mystery."

The 11-member committee, formally known as the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illnesses, was appointed by Principi in January 2002.

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Holiday shopping at the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn has just expanded the variety of fun and educational toys in their gift shop, just in time for Christmas shopping. The biggest sellers so far have been from reknown toymakers Melissa & Doug. These durable toys are made mostly from wood, which will last for years to come.

"They are unique in the way that they remind me of the simple, functional toys that I've played with when I was little. They each teach a basic learning skill and they are exciting and color-

ful at the same time," says Activity Coordinator, Veronica Espinosa.

Some of the Melissa & Doug toys in stock are 'Decorate Your Own Mirror' kit, 'Wooden Stacking Train', 'Magnetic Dress-Up Ballerinas and Bears', 'Wooden Vehicles & Traffic Signs', and 'Responsibility Charts and Calendars', to name a few. The museum has also stocked an assortment of brain teaser puzzles and games. Designed for children 5 and up, these brain teasers make perfect stocking stuffers. Prices for Melissa & Doug toys range from

\$4.50 to \$200.

A collection of CD's by popular children's musician, Cory Goodrich from Cory's House is available at the museum. Cory's album titled, "Wiggly Toes" is packed with toe-tapping, contagious music for energetic kids. Another titled, "Hush" is full of dreamy, calming tunes; a perfect CD for bedtime music. Both are priced at \$15.00 each and would make a great gift for any child.

The children's museum also has "Make Your Own Cards" and "Make Your Own Puppets" kits from the award winning craft company Made by Hands. This creative company has won the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Gold Seal Award, the Dr. Toy 10 Best Creative Products Winner and the Parents Choice Fun Stuff Award. These art and craft kits are perfect for the aspiring artist.

In addition to toys, this year the museum is offering special one day family passes for sale. The pass allows up to 2 adults and 4 children admission for one day and is good for a full year. The cost of this special one day family pass is \$12. "This idea came straight from our members," says Executive Director, Elizabeth Gelman, "and it's been very popular."

For more information about the types of toys CMOL has available this holiday season, or to find out more about upcoming holiday events, please contact Veronica at (708) 423-6709. You may also visit us online at www.cmoaklawn.org.

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is located at 9600 East Shore Drive in Oak Lawn, IL, 60453.



The Freedom Gazebo

Gazebo fosters American Freedom

Some time back the Gazebo was donated to the Office of Senior Citizens' at the Evergreen Park Maher Center. This

years' Christmas Award program theme was Patriotic.

OCS, assisted by the Senior Citizens' Council and Youth Commission Volunteers, has decorated the Gazebo that is in the Community Center for American Freedom. In the patriotic gesture decorations of wreaths with yellow ribbons and stars, garland, and, the names of local service men and women adorn the Gazebo.

Inside the Community Center, a tree has been decorated with red, white and blue. At the recognition party, attendees paused for a moment of reflection to tie a yellow ribbon on the Patriotic Tree.

OCS Staff Members and Volunteers wish all the happiest and healthiest holiday season and invite you to stop by for a visit.



Little Company announces proceeds from 10th annual house walk

Little Company's 10th annual house walk in September welcomed 330 participants who visited six beautiful homes in Evergreen park. Shown are event cochair Janet Boland and event chairperson Carrie Kelley. The event supported the Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary in their pledge to Maternity Services at the Hospital.



Little Company is named grand marshal of the 27th annual south side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade

Executive Committee member and Treasurer for the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade George

Nedved; Little Company's Chairperson of the Board Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., and Jack Kelly, coordinator for the 27th Annual South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade. Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, the 2005 Grand Marshal, recently hosted an informational tour and meet and greet for the parade committee and the parade's special honoree, The Gus Foundation.



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News of our service personnel

Army Pvt. Jason E. Tripodi has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training.

ing, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Tripodi is the son of Donna Tripodi of Marquette, Park Forest, Ill., and Terry

Tripodi of W. 112th Place, Worth, Ill.

He is a 2004 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills, Ill.

Marine Corps Pvt. Christopher E. Curatolo, son of Connie S. Larsen of Hinsdale, Ill. and Mario Curatolo, of Oak Lawn, Ill., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Curatolo and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Curatolo spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Curatolo and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Curatolo and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Curatolo is a 2004 graduate of Brother Rice High School of Chicago, Ill.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Esteban Serrano, son of Norma I. Delgado of Oak Lawn, Ill., recently graduated from the Aviation Radio Repair Course at Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

During the course, Serrano received technical instruction on job entry-level aviation radio maintenance tasks using radio communication and direction finding devices. Serrano also learned analysis, performance testing, and troubleshooting as well as maintenance procedures, uses of technical publications, and maintenance administration.

Serrano joined the Marine Corps in November 2003.



Diamond awarded Genevieve Kondracki with Mayor Jim and Karen Sexton and Jolene Churak OCS Director

OCS Volunteers Honored

The OCS Volunteer Program is key to a department. On November 30, numerous volunteers were honored at the Christmas appreciation luncheon held at the Maher Center in Evergreen Park. The Office in Evergreen Park Senior Citizens Center had logged over 10,500 hours of documented services in support of the various programs of OCS.

Two OCS volunteers who received the highest award at the luncheon were Madeline Cassi and Genevieve Kondracki. They received the Award Pin with one Diamond that represents the maximum service. Madeline Cassi serves on the Senior Council and the Income Tax Counselor areas. Genevieve Kondracki served as a former Senior Council president and bridge leader.

The various programs supported at the OCS with volunteerism are as follows: the Village Food Pantry, offices services, the craft ladies, cards (bridge and pinochle), the Double Nickel + Chorus, exercise/film presentations, the Mini Bus, the Senior Council, Income Tax assistant, and the Parkettes.

Other volunteer awardees at the luncheon were: Pins (250 service hours) Eileen Barry, Jean Fever, Maureen Kanadet, Caroline McGrivern; Pin with 1 emerald (500 hours service) John Wanda; Pin with 2 emeralds (750 hours) Lauretta Krug, Richard Lynch and Doris Zrebarth; Pin with 4 emeralds (1250 hours) Itoyo De Young; Pin with 6 emeralds (1750 hours) Marcella Moore; Pin with 8 emeralds (2250 hours) John Brazzale and Elaine Mc Elroy.

Marianne Brashinger received special recognition for logging in over 30,000 hours documented OCS Vol-

unteer Hours. The OCS staff will visit her with a special gift after the party because she is home recovering from a broken hip. Any cards can be sent to the OCS headquarters. The Christmas Award program theme was Patriotic represented by the "yellow ribbon tree," inside the Community Center, that is decorated with red, white and blue. At the recognition party, attendees paused for a moment by placing a ribbon on the tree for local service personnel.

OCS, assisted by the Senior Citizens' Council and

Youth Commission Volunteers, has decorated the Gazebo that is in the Community Center for American Freedom. Decorations of wreaths, garland, flags and stars and, the names of local service men and women adorn the Gazebo.

After a delicious dinner served by Ms. Pitlock, the group played bingo and everybody got a prize. The Evergreen Park Mayor and his wife, Karen, Village Clerk, Catherine Aparo, and officials were present to greet the seniors. A grand time was had by all.

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New Creations Band to celebrate Christmas at Aglow meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, December 9, 2004 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant 7500 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, Illinois. (Note new address)

This meeting will be a celebration of Christmas and Jesus' Birthday, with good food, friends, fellowship and music. New Creations Band, a music ministry, dedicated to spreading the love of Jesus to all God's people is returning to entertain and minister. Led by this chapter's Vice President of

Public Relations, Rev. Linda Du Puy, New Creations has ministered at St. Charles Boys Correctional Facility (prison) Oak Lawn Community Church, St. Germaine Church, The Senior's Club (an adult day care), Kiwanis, True Kindred (a fraternal organization), and Aglow picnics and meetings. Every month they lead praise and worship for Rejoice Ministry's rallies in Oak Brook.

Please note our new location. Bring a \$5.00 Grab Bag Gift if you wish to participate.

Bring a friend to help you start off the Holiday Season with the right spirit. One of love, joy, and praise to our Father for sending his son to us.

Dinner tickets are \$13.50 for a family style meal, available at 6:30PM at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00PM. Reservations are required. For additional information and reservations please call June at (708) 424-1656.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups, and support groups.

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students in almost 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit recognition of AP Scholar. Students took AP Exams in May 2004 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP Exams.

Two students qualified for

the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars at Mt. Assisi Academy are Shannon Littleton and Sridevi Ranganathan.

The College Board's mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. It is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services activities and concerns.

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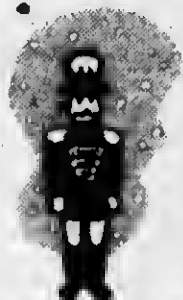
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Your Smile Says It All

An idea for long term care This Way to Wealth

by David Hennings

Due to the wonderful advancements of medical science, men and women are living many years longer than their predecessors. These medical advancements have also increased the probability that men and women will require services for extended nursing care.

Currently, 3 out of every 5 people who turn 65 will require professional nursing care in their home or a nursing home during their lifetime. Once the care has begun, the average person will require nursing services for 3 years and with the average annual cost for this care currently \$40,000, it could cost

an average family \$120,000.

Most people wrongly think that the government or Medicare will pay for extended nursing care. In fact, the government and Medicare will not pay for this type of care and with the expected shrinking budget for Medicare, the probability that this benefit will be added is very unlikely. Actually the government has made the premium paid for long-term care deductible to the extent that the costs, combined with other medical expenses, exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Due to the high costs associated with extended nurs-

ing care, and the high probability of needing such care. In a recent poll, 88 percent of people 60 and over were concerned with the costs associated with long term nursing care, but only 4 percent of the people in this age group had insurance to cover this need.

One of the most popular and effective ways to cover the costs associated with extended nursing care is to buy a long term care insurance policy. This type of policy occurs the cost for nursing home care up to the policy limits. Most people add a rider to their policy that covers care provided in their

home by a licensed medical provider.

The only drawback to this type of policy is if you are one of the fortunate ones who do not need extended nursing care, you have spent a lot of money on a policy that has no residual economic benefit. It is my belief that this is one of the biggest reasons why most people don't buy long term care insurance.

This has prompted the insurance industry to introduce a new type of long term policies that have a life insurance benefit and cash value associated with the policy. These benefits ensure that no matter if you need nursing care or not, either you or your family will receive some economic benefit from this policy. All of the policies differ in some ways, but they all have the some basic structure.

An individual or husband and wife can purchase these policies with either a lump sum of money or on a payment basis. The amount of money that is allotted for long-term nursing care is a percentage of the death benefit, usually 2 percent. As the money is used for long term nursing care, the death benefit is lowered. The cash value in the policy grows on a tax deferred basis, and you are able to withdraw the money at any time if you do not want the policy any more. If there is any life insurance value in the policy, your heirs will receive it income tax free upon your death.

An example of this type of policy for a female age 60 with \$50,000 to invest. She would initially have \$114,874 worth of life insurance and a cash surrender value of \$50,000 to invest. She would be able to access \$2,297 per month for nursing or home care. If she did not need the coverage for a few years, the cash value and death benefit would grow, increasing the amount of nursing care benefits available. If the individual decided that the policy was not providing her any value, she could withdraw her cash value, and get her money back.

In essence, this new long term care policy insures that your original deposit is able to cover the cost of extended nursing care, and gives you the ability to cash in the policy if your needs change.

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Coote Awarded Silver Cross Nursing Scholarship

Crest Hill resident Sherri Coote, R.N., has received the Doris Hubbs R.N. Silver Cross School of Nursing Alumnae Association Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship was created in 2003 by the Silver Cross School of Nursing Alumnae Association to commemorate its centennial anniversary and support individuals interested in a career in nursing.

The scholarship is annually awarded to a Silver Cross employee accepted to or currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate registered nursing program or nursing certificate program.

Coote has been with Silver Cross over 16 years serving as an educator, emergency department nurse, and most recently as a shift coordinator in the intensive care unit (ICU). She is a graduate of Joliet Township West High School and received her registered nursing degree from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Joliet. Coote is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from University of St. Francis. She

aspires to pursue post-graduate studies with a long-term goal to become a nurse practitioner or a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). "Silver Cross is pleased to recognize and help Sherri," says Paul Pawlak, President/CEO of Silver Cross Hospital. "Our employees are the reason patients choose Silver Cross for their health care needs."

To learn more or contribute to the Doris Hubbs R.N. Silver Cross School of Nursing Alumnae Association Scholarship, call the Silver Cross Foundation at (815) 740-7105. For more information about job openings, visit www.silvercross.org or call (815) 740-7095.

Choices program comes to crisis center

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CHOICES, a program sponsored by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, is designed to help end abusive behavior in intimate relationships. Groups are currently being held in Oak Lawn. Group participants may be self-referred, court ordered, or referred by Employee Assistance Services, other so-

cial service providers, clergy, or family and friends.

Groups focus on non-violent and non-abusive ways to resolve conflict by addressing the belief systems that contribute to abusive behavior. Participants are encouraged to recognize and change the pattern and progression of behaviors that lead to abuse, and to understand and address issues of power and control that contribute to abusive behaviors.

Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau orientation day

New and prospective member of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau are invited to attend a Bureau Orientation on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd St., Lansing.

According to Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett, the orientation is designed to give new and prospective members a quick overview of the mission, function, services and benefits of Bureau membership, and outline how tourism affects virtually every sector of the Chicago Southland economy. "Visitors to the area and those attending meetings, seminars

and sporting events affect a wide variety of business, from hotels and motels to restaurants, attractions, car rental agencies, service stations, and retailers," said Garrett. "It's a trickle-down effect that injects dollars into the Chicago Southland

economy." A continental breakfast will be served, and a question and answer period follows the program. The entire orientation lasts approximately one hour. Please confirm attendance by Tuesday, December 14, to the Bureau at 708-895-8200.

Palos Bank and Trust hosts holiday event

The Prestige Club at Palos Bank and Trust will host their second annual Tis' The Season Holiday Party and Luncheon at Georgios Banquets, 8800 W. 159th St., Orland Park on Wednesday, December 15, 2004. Featured entertainment will be the popular barbershop quar-

tets "Without a Prayer" and "The Convertibles".

The Palos Bank Prestige Club's Holiday party includes a complete luncheon, Holiday show and tons of door prizes. Cost of this festive event is \$20 for prestige Club members and \$26 for non member.

Pre-registrations and payment is required by Dec. 8. Transportation is not included in this price. For additional information or to register, visit you nearest Palos Bank or contact the Prestige Club at 708 448-9100, Ext. 2065.

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Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Get a second chance to get it right with the cooperation of someone J or A. You have to make ready for new projects. T aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Be prepared to make changes in and around the house. People seem to be coming and going, making you tired. C aids.

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Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You are looking at some serious changes that will be made with or without your input. Don't get sidetracked. R could help.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Now is the time to make agreements, put important papers together and do anything that needs legal doing. F involved.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

Holiday Joy

Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is offering a free educational program-Bright beginnings breakfast club. Join for coffee and conversation on Thursday December 9 from 8:30-9:30am. Joan Murphy RN Ph.D. will present "Holiday Joy". Call 708-423-5774 to register.

First Methodist Seniors-Cookies and Luncheon

The Women have cookies that will be on sale on Saturday December 11. This is the day of the 15th annual cookie walk starting at 10am. Shopping numbers will be given starting at 9am. Hundreds of Christmas cookies and other home-made fancy cookies will be available for your selection. (Only in pound quantities). Buy the pound of the cookies. Shop early. Do not be left out!

The United Seniors meeting at the First Methodist Church will have a Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 8th at 12:30pm. Tickets are available for \$8. Mrs. Pitlock is preparing the meal. Entertainment is an accordion musician and a sing a long. The seniors meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 12:30pm. Meetings are social, educational and entertaining. All seniors are invited.

Blake and Lamb Funeral Home

Sunday December 12 there will be a remembrance ceremony for loved ones at this Holiday season. This will be at Blake and Lamb located 4727 W. 103rd St. in Oak Lawn. The program is 11am to 1pm with a prayer service at 12 noon. They would be honored if persons will join and place a snowflake with either the name or a two-inch photo of the family/friend member on one of the Family Memory Trees.

Blake and Lamb invite one to share some refreshments, enjoy beautiful music and get a memorial card. For further information call 708-636-1193.

Oak Lawn Community Church Breakfast with Santa and cookie sale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, will hold their Annual Breakfast with Santa and Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 11, 2004 from 9-11 am and Santa should arrive about 10am. On the menu is eggs, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, juice, toast, etc, all for a "Free Will Offering." There will also be beets, corn relish, jams, craft items, also with an array of homemade cookies. Bring all your friends and family. For more information please call the church office at 708-599-4025.

Oak Lawn Library continues to collect "Toys for Tots"

The Oak Lawn Public Library is sponsoring a "Toys for Tots" collection drive through Thursday, December 23. Persons may drop off gifts for children up to age 12 in the library lobby. Do not wrap as items will be sorted for age and gender.

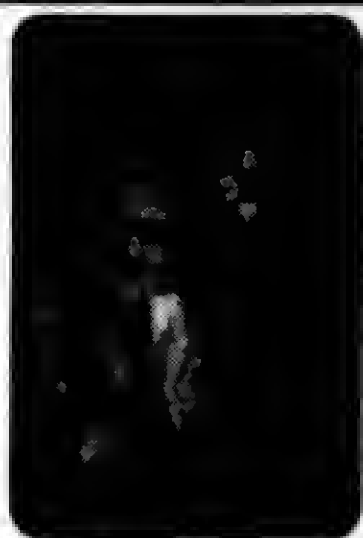
Oak Lawn Library hosts free opera lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library will host a free lecture on the Lyric Opera production "A Wedding" at 2pm on Sunday December 12. The lecture is in the lower level meeting room. A member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are the event sponsors.

OL Library continues to collect in the Fall Food Drive

The Oak Lawn Library's Fall Food Drive is underway until Thursday, December 23. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food and canned goods at the collection receptacles in the library's lobby. All donations go to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area. For more information call 708-422-4990.

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Remy Bumpo presents Arcadia

by Marijo Doody



The Remy Bumpo Theatre Company's current production of Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia" is a blend of history, mathematics and physics concepts and playful interactions in two different centuries in an English Drawing Room setting. When it first showed in 1993, it was not fully understood as there were so many themes vying for comprehension and audience attention mostly threw up their hands. Stoppard is a riddling master with satire and high tone perfection.

Thomasina Coverly, a thirteen-year old, turns to her tutor, a Trinity College educated young man, Septimus Hodge, for some answers to

Thomasina Coverly (Erin Neal) and her tutor, Septimus Hodge (Sean Bradley), share a waltz in Remy Bumpo's production of Tom Stoppard's romantic mystery "Arcadia".

questions including the term "carnal embrace". He gives her the run-around and she is not fooled. Hodge, a mathematics and physics scholar is extremely bright, however, his pupil has a prestigious mind and comes up with concepts in the next century's computer age.

Thomasina questions if one was really good at algebra can one write the formula

for all the future? Her tutor acknowledges, she may be the first to come up with that concept. This is in 1809. She is the daughter of an aristocrat and her mother thinks she is too smart to be married.

The scene turns to the twentieth century with characters whom in the playwrights' Tom Stoppard "Arcadia" a place, like a utopia, deal with thermodynamics's laws, the age of Enlightenment shift to The Romantic age, the garden design shifting and art vs. science. The sexual attraction may be just the element of chaos into God's design. In the staging the characters are less sure of themselves and connections are not certain. "Arcadia" is clutter and intellectual arrogance.

"Arcadia" is a literary detective mystery, history of science, folly, comedy and love. It cleverly weaves the stories of residents of the house at Sidley Park in both centuries. Time period shifts in the scenes and in the end both centuries characters play. All the characters have unusual views of past, present and the future and accordingly, that may be all

to expect. The play is not for everyone.

Acting was superb by the vast cast of Remy Bumpo (RB) players. The 19th century characters: Thomasina Coverly (Erin Neal), Septimus Hodge (Sean Bradley-RB debut), Lady Croom (Patrice Egleston); Richard Noakes (Peter Davis-1st on stage with RB), Capt. Brice (Ted Hoerl), Jellaby (Daniel Hoppe), and Ezra Chater (Cliff Chamberlin-RB debut).

The 20th century characters stellar cast included: Hannah Jarvis (Linda Reiter-6 Jeff citations for an actress in various roles), Bernard Nightingale (Nick Sandys-Jeff Nomination Best Actor 2004 and certified fight director seen at Goodman Theatre and Lyric Opera), and

Valentine Coverly (Ashley Wood-a Chicago debut—after acting in the Texas area). Other character players in the 20th century were Chloe Coverly (Katie Johnson-RB debut) and Gus and Augustus (Michael Patrick Sullivan-a recent graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Drama).

The play "Arcadia" runs through January 2, 2005 at the Victory Gardens Theatre, 2257 N. Lincoln, Chicago. Tickets are \$30-\$35 and can be reserved at the box office 773-871-3000. Parking is available at the Children's memorial Hospital less than a block away. Fee is \$3 with the ticket stub from the play.

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District 218 holds job fair December 21st

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District 218 will need to fill teaching positions in following departments: Driver Education, English, Family and Consumer Science, Health Education, Industrial Technology, Math, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, and Special Education.

Candidates are encouraged to apply on-line by going to www.chsd218.org. At the top of the home page, simply click the link titled "employment opportunities." From there candidates can view positions currently posted and complete an online application.

District 218 serves more than 5,000 students in the south suburbs and has won three Illinois Blue Ribbon School awards from the Illi-

nois State Board of Education. Each comprehensive high school has won this prestigious honor. District 218 schools include Eisenhower High School (Blue Island), Richards High School (Oak Lawn), Shepard High School (Palos Heights), ASPEN High School (alternative high school in Crestwood), and SUMMIT Learning Center (facility for behavior-disordered students in Crestwood).

MVCC regular meeting dates

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will meet for its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The meeting will take place in the Board Room, D219, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. A public hearing on a proposed tax levy for Tax Year 2004 will precede the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Photo: Members of the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees share the excitement with Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, after unveiling the dedication plaque at the ceremonies of the official opening. From left are Trustees Patrick Kennedy; Joseph Murphy, Sandra Wagner, board chairman, John Daley board secretary and Crawley.

Moraine Valley dedicates Education Center

MVCC joined by legislators, community leaders, faculty and staff, Moraine Valley dedicates Education Center in Blue Island. They unveiled a plaque and cut the ceremonial ribbon as 100 people attended and applauded the completion of a project that started with a goal to enhance community connections and partnerships.

Donald Peloquin, mayor of Blue Island, commented on the positive impact that the Education Center would have on the area, and applauded the college for successfully serving the district for nearly four decades. He said, "education can be the basis for building a better community and we look forward to continuing the relationship and improving our community and everything else." Classes are now underway in the new center at 12940 S. Western Ave., that is the first off-campus facility to offer daytime, evening and Saturday classes.

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For more information on STAND DOWN WINTER 2004 or to sign up to volunteer call Patrice at Commissioner Joan Murphy's Office at 708-389-2125.

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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

The girls are way past the 'driving around looking at lights stage'. They are, in fact, adults with agendas of their own. Gazing at homes decked out in the season's splendor is, as they say, not their style. I'm sure, down the road, they'll come to appreciate the tradition all over again when they see the awe and wonder through the eyes of their future children.

It's just the two of us now, but not much has changed when the holiday rolls around.

We still fill the thermos with hot chocolate and tune in the radio to the station that plays nothing but Christmas songs. And then we're off, on a merry adventure, with snow flakes falling from the sky, providing the perfect backdrop for our joy filled journey.

In the world of Christmas decorations I have noticed a growing trend that sometimes, I admit, brings out the scrooge in me when the meaning of Christmas is mingled with the merriment of make believe. It's becoming more and more of a familiar sight.

The reverence of a nativity scene brings a calm and holy reminder of just what we are celebrating. And then...who's that standing next to the manger, Frosty the snowman?!

While both may have their place in this season of wonder and joy, they should each have their own space, preferably on opposite sides of the yard.

Snowman characters are giving Santa a run for his reindeer when it comes to home decorating. The inside of my home is sprinkled with smiling snowmen here and there; you can't create a glistening, winter wonderland without the magic of their presence.

But, Frosty just doesn't belong beside the three Wisemen at Jesus' birth.

There is an avalanche of snowman statues and knick knacks out there competing for our desire to weave a winter fantasy with Frosty and his cohorts as holiday decor.

Now if you're into the whole snowman scene and you want more than Frosty hanging out with the three Wisemen then - Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph! - you can actually have all three in snowman character, including snowshepards.

Candy canes are to Santa Claus what Silent Night is to Serafin angels, the meaning shouldn't be melted as one.

I must be a wee bit old fashioned when it comes to Christmas. I think Santa should always be an older gentleman with a big round belly, long white beard and a hearty Ho-Ho-Ho.

Somehow seeing Mickey Mouse and the gang in Santa suits has me dreaming of a trip to Florida, not of a white Christmas. I guess it would be just like seeing Santa at the Magic Kingdom donning Mickey ears and shorts, just not the right stuff to urge me into singing Christmas carols.

We did find an awe inspiring theme one year, set up to resemble Santa's work shop. It was complete with elves, numerous lighted toy houses, singing carolers, and enough twinkling lights to make you wonder if it was created by, Chevy Chase's character, Clark Griswold - on speed! It was so over the top decorated that a good natured neighbor, two doors down, made a simple statement for all the holiday sight seers. The only thing lit up on his house was a string of red lights on the roof top, in the shape of an arrow, pointing to the masterpiece of blinding light.

This guy had what most of us need this time of year—a holiday sense of humor!

Then there's the decoration I saw recently that, at first I viewed as an abomination but soon thought otherwise,

It's a simple cardboard scene of Santa kneeling down in front of baby Jesus.

I guess I've come to embrace this mixed meaning.

For in that moment I was reminded that, no matter what the theme or display - Jesus is the reason for the season.

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For more information, call (708) 423-6554, between 9a.m. and 1p.m.

Bremen High School holds drive

Bremen High School's National Honor Society (NHS) and Student Council are collecting food from the students, staff and community for the annual food drive. This service project will help needy local families.

NHS and Student Council members distributed bags throughout Midlothian and Posen from November

29-December 3 from 3-5 p.m. Students from both organizations as well as team and club members collected the bags in the neighborhoods from December 6 until December 10.

"Monetary donations are also helpful. 'Food Only' gift certificates will be purchased from Sentry Foods," said Student Council advisor Mrs. Beth Hasso.

Last year, over 10,000 pounds of food was collected. "We need the help of everyone in the Bremen community to make the Food Drive a success," said NHS sponsor, Ms. Kimberly Mraz.

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Chicago Symphony announces events

The Chicago Symphony Orchestral Association reported financial results for fiscal year 2004 at the annual meeting. They announced that they ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$2.3 million on operating expenses of \$58 million. The organization's overall financial conditions continues to be sound with total assets increasing to \$420 million and net assets increasing to \$244 million, providing a strong foundation for the CSO's artistic, educational and community engagement initiatives.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its home, Orchestra hall, with a special performance at 7:30pm on Tuesday December 14 one hundred years to the day of the Hall's inaugural concert. Conductor Leonard Slatkin will lead the orchestra performance in a repeat of the original programming. It is sold out. Lady Valerie Solti will host the landmark performance.

Symphony Center celebrates the holiday season with Sara Lee Welcome Yule! Concerts from December 18-23. This program celebrates its tenth year and is a selection of traditional and festive holiday music with eight performances. This year's performance features members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under director/creator Duain Wolfe along with the Chicago Children's Choir (Director Josephine Lee) and the Welcome Yule! Dance Ensemble. Tickets are \$14-\$58 and can be purchased at the box office or on phone charge at 312-294-3000.

We made approximately 25 deliveries serving over 65 meals at home to shut-ins who could not come to Snackville to eat.

We also had 30 take-out dinners that were picked up by neighborhood families wishing to drop off a dinner or 2. Our own employees and friends volunteered their time and friendliness to help with all the preparations and service.

We delivered to Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Burbank, Beverly, Chicago Lawn, Worth and Alsip. Special thanks to Most Holy Redeemer School, who again donated 12 turkey breasts this year! Thanks kids... GREAT project! Special recognition to a few other VERY generous contributors: Central Presbyterian Church, New Lenox, Larry O'Connell, Restaurant Depot, Tuzik's Bakery, Rick Minnella, Chef at Whitney's Bar and Grille, and Turano Baking Co.

Through these and so many other donations, we were able to give families extra food to enjoy "leftovers" throughout the holiday weekend. There are always some good stories, a few tears and lots of hugs!

We REALLY appreciate all of your donations and hope to continue this tradition annually. We invite you to stop into Snackville at any time in the future and let us express out thanks personally. Your generosity made a lot of people happy and we

appreciate every one of you! Have a wonderful Christmas Season and a safe and prosperous 2005!

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Michael Anderson of Orland Park goes for the Gold

Michael Anderson a third grade student at St. Michael School has competed for a first place trophy in the Annual Chess tournament at the school. He just completed beating 3 other students for his quest to be the best chess players at St. Michael School. After three tough rounds against students younger and older than himself, Michael was finally defeated in double elimination by a fellow third grader at St. Michael School. Michael states "he is already looking forward to next years tournament and hopes to go further than this year."

St. Michael upper class participates in the Heifer project

Eighteen eight graders and two seventh graders from St. Michael School in Orland Park participated in the Heifer project. Students fasted over a 24- hour period and participated in games and activities to further their awareness about world hunger. Our Lady of the Woods parish sponsored the event. Maggie Reitsma commented that she learned how lucky we really are to have the basic necessities of life. Stephanie Wic assed that she learned what people in other countries have to deal with daily and that all living things need our care. Adam Kowalski added that thousands of kids' dies each day from starvation and that I may have helped save a child.

Participants included eighth graders Jiore Craig, Ellen Dace, Susan DeBiasio, Maggie Hincks, Jack King, Adam Kowalski, Mike Lucas, Bobby McDonald, Ryan Nemecek, Jenny O'Connell, Maggie Reitsma,

Amy Restko, Mike Ryan, Nadine Tadros, Steve Wachel, Stephanie Wic, Dave Willey, and seventh graders Joe Saavedra and Dan Skoglund.

St. Michael Second and Third Graders-Hola!

The little people of St. Michael School in Orland Park are getting on the Bandwagon with the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Language. The students have an opportunity to take part in ten- lesson mini-course taught after school by Senora Linda Mata. The students learn basic conversation, phrases, colors, and alphabet, numbers, school supplies, months, days and much more.

Spanish teacher, Senora Linda Mata. Recently attended the ACTFL convention at the Chicago Hilton. She was pleased to learn that one of the goals of the organization is to aim for the children speak two languages, in addition to English. St. Michael is stepping up to the plate! After school programs will follow in the future for first graders and those in grades 4,5 and 6. Spanish is a part of the daily curriculum in grades 7 and 8. French could be in future plans.?

Crisis Center seeks volunteers

Neat Repeats Resale is seeking individuals who are

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Crisis Center dropoff

The Tinley Park Public Library will serve as a drop-off point for holiday contributions for the Crisis Center of South Suburbia and the Tinley Park Food Pantry. Can goods, non-perishable food items, unwrapped toys and monetary donations are appreciated. Together We Cope will also be collecting new or gently used winter coats for adults and children. Your donation may be brought to the collection boxes located in the library foyer December 12 through December 19. Help make the holiday season special for others! The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive. For information call 708-532-0160 x 3 or visit the website at www.tp.library.org.

New police station for Orland Park

by Bridget Fagan

Taxpayers will be pleased to note the village is saving approximately \$6,560,274 in fees. At the December 6th Board Meeting, Trustee Ed Schussler motioned the construction of a new police station. To be built on the lot adjacent to the Consolidated

Tile building at 151st and Ravinia. It was voted down by 4 to 2 votes of the board. Then a motion to renovate the Consolidated Tile Building was "ayes" across the board. The preliminary costs for a new building total \$16,352,814.00 versus renovation costs of \$9,792,540.00. \$542,188.00 of that will go to building processing rooms, interview rooms and 9 new cells. In-

terestingly, the proposed glass wall (similar to Orland Library) almost doubles in cost of the cell constructions.

The village currently owns the Consolidated File building, in addition to the adjacent 2 acre lot. Also, there should be fewer problems with storm water management and shorter construction duration by renovating, as opposed to new construction.

Check out Jacki Mari's predictions on page 6



Fifty State experts Cecilia Trippiedi, Grace Turcich, Brett Katalinic, and Courtney Weigal

First graders pass test on fifty states

Ms. Quinn is very proud to announce that four of her first grade student have already passed the Muting's test on the fifty states. The children are Brett Katalinic, Cecilia Trippiedi, Grace Turcich, and Courtney Weigal. It is very exciting to see the boys and girls in room 6 so motivated to studying to take the test. We can't wait to see who is next and are hoping that the entire class will achieve this goal.



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Jacki Mari & Alyn

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for December 7th through December 20th:

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some get 2 messages. This & Numi's column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com* Tell your friends about it and DARE to read it for daily updates on the news, and more.

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Suddenly you look and feel better! Perhaps your Angel Michael is looking after your special needs. Money comes. H helps.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Something you have been holding onto must be let go of. You are moving forward, go with the flow! Don't look back.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Get a second chance to get it right with the cooperation of someone J or A. You have to make ready for new projects. T aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Be prepared to make changes in and around the house. People seem to be coming and going, making you tired. C aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Some of you get raises in pay or benefits and others get job offers. This can be an exciting week for all! B and D help.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: There is a money issue to be dealt with, perhaps at a distance. You will know what to do and when to do it. M helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You are looking at some serious changes that will be made with or without your input. Don't get sidetracked. R could help.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Now is the time to make agreements, put important papers together and do anything that needs legal doing. F involved.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: A warning that comes in a dream should be paid attention to. Someone F or P becomes involved in your immediate plans too.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

Giving Tree for teens

Decorated by the Youth Advisory Council of Tinley Park Public Library, the ornament-filled tree holds the names of many items needed by teens at the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. All who wish to participate should

visit the Annex in the Youth Services Department beginning December 13 through December 19.

Help make the holidays special for all Tinley Park teens! For information call 708-532-0160 x 5732.

Disney's "On The Record"

This is a musical montage of music from the five de-

cade of Disney wonderment is currently playing at the Auditorium Theatre. It is running through December 12. Tickets are \$18-\$82 and available at all Broadway in Chicago box offices.

Musically selections are from the following Disney movies: Cinderella, Snow White, Pinocchio, The Lion

King, Hercules, Beauty and the Beast, Alice in Wonderland, Aladdin, So Dear to My Heart, Peter Pan, The Little Mermaid, Mulan, Lady and the Tramp, The Aristocats, Mary Poppins, Song of the South, Toy Story, Dumbo, Tarzan, The Jungle Book and The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Holiday movie at Tinley Park Library

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting a holiday movie on Sunday, December 19 at 2pm. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive. Chevy Chase stars in this holiday classic about a man who tries to give his family an old-fashioned Christmas.

Registration begins December 13. Call 708-532-0160 x 3.

Roger Williams gives concert

Legendary Roger Williams gave a special holiday concert at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University. The concert was opened with a choral group from Manteno High School and sang holiday favorite songs. The concert was funded in memory of former Center Board member Ralph Medhurst.

Roger Williams began playing piano by ear at age three. His extreme expertise at age 80 is immeasurable. His career highlights included playing with major symphonies across the country.

He has played for eight chief executives, the first, Harry Truman and the last George W. Bush; Lyndon

Johnson and both father and son Bush all have a favorite song, "The Yellow Rose of Texas". He has earned Roger Williams, the title "Pianist to the Presidents." He is the first pianist to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

This is a must for all to see a great pianist with a flair for entertainment.

Eagle Scout Troop 318 volunteer in Orland Park

On December 11, Eagle Scout Troop 318 will turn out to help volunteers of the Orland Grassland located at 167th and LaGrange Road in Orland Park. According to Pat Hayes, Orland Grassland Volunteer, "The boys will be restoring habitat for vanishing wildlife. They will do some good, learn something, and have a great time at it."

Many of the boys will be earning merit badges by participating in activities that will include cutting invasive brush and plant identification.

They will also learn about prairie restoration and wildlife habitat conservation. The site is a breeding habitat of many rare birds, including the bobolink, dickcissel, and the Henslow sparrow which is on the Illinois threatened species list.

The scouts will be at the Grasslands from 9am to 3pm and will be organized by Pat Hayes, Orland Grassland Volunteer.

"It is great to have these youngsters here so they can have hands-on conservation experience. We are happy to help them learn more about this rare and special place," said Hayes.

Mike Konrath, Director of the Forest Preserve District's Camp Sagawa, an environmental education facility, said, "With only a handful of ecological restoration staff, the District can combat invasive species on only a very small part of our 68,000 acres."

Partner organizations like the Orland Grassland Volunteers do some of the most important work for the preserves. The District deeply appreciates their efforts.

The Orland Grassland Volunteers work in partnership with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and four other partners in this collaborative habitat restoration project - the Corporation for Open Lands, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-Chicago District, Village of Orland Park, and Audubon-Chicago Region.

For more information go to our website at www.orlandgrassland.org or contact Marybeth Niemann-Fath, 708-364-0006, Pat Hayes at 708-460-8270 or Mike Konrath of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at 630-257-6270.

Send your Season's Greetings to business associates or loved ones in our Holiday Issue on December 21st.

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December 7, 2004

Advent Concert to be held

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church announces an Advent Concert on Sunday, December 12 at 5pm. Tage Larsen, trumpeter for the

Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will perform holiday favorites in the church's sanctuary. The concert is free and open to all. Babysitting will be provided for children 6 and under. Tage Larsen joined the CSO in 2002. He is from the St. Louis Symphony. Prior to that he was principal trumpeter for the Annapolis Symphony and served as the solo cornet with the "President's Own" US Marine Band.

He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Michigan State University and did graduate work at the Eastman School of Music. He is a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He and wife Amy are the parents of two sons. A free will offering will be taken. Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church is located at 9230 S. Pulaski Road, Oak Lawn. For more information call 708-422-5111.

Richards band and choir to present holiday concert

The concert band and concert choir from Harold L. Richards High School will present their annual holiday concerts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 16.

The concerts will be in the main gymnasium. Richards is located at 10601 S. Central Ave.

The cost for admission is \$2.00 for children and \$3.00

for adults.

The music department is also collecting canned goods that will be donated to local food pantries during this holiday season. Anyone bringing canned goods will receive a \$1.00 discount on the price of admission.

Send Holiday greeting to our soldiers

The members of the Chicago Ridge VFW Post No. 177 are sending Christmas greetings to one of our members now serving our country in Iraq. We request that the readers assist us in supporting our troops fighting

for us. Please add the name and address of one of our members to your Christmas card list. He is now serving our country in the US Marine Corp in Ramadi, Iraq. You may use his mother's address of:

Lance Corp. Joseph Sutton

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If you know of any other serviceman now serving us in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan please let us know so we can add him or her to our list. If you have questions call John at 708-636-3220.

Yours in comradeship

John Nasakaitis

Post Public Relations

Moraine Valley to hold auditions for "How I Learned to Drive"

Moraine Valley Community College's Academic Theater Department will hold open auditions for How I Learned to Drive. How I Learned to Drive, a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel, is a poignant tale detailing a troubling incestuous relationship between a young girl and her older uncle. It details the life of a woman who shares her story of how she learned the rules of the road and life from behind the wheel.

Auditions will be Monday, Dec. 13, and Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 10 p.m. Auditions are open to Moraine Valley students as well as community members. Callbacks will be Thursday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. Performances dates for the production will be Feb. 25-26 and March 4-6, 2005.

Auditions will be held in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus at 10900 S. 88th Ave, Palos Hills.

Roles available for the production include:

- * Two men, and three woman
- * People of all backgrounds, ethnicities and ages are encouraged to audition
- * Serious monologues preferred, reading provided if necessary
- * Script must be read prior to audition

(Reserved copies available at the Moraine Valley Library)

For more information, contact Dr. Craig Rosen, assistant professor of Theater and coordinator of Academic Theater at (708) 974-5432 or e-mail rosen@morainevalley.edu.

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Moraine Valley offers Lean Manufacturing breakfast

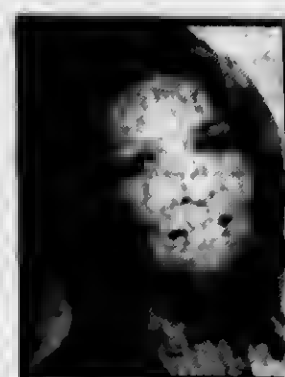
Excited about Lean Manufacturing? Is your company in need of ideas and encouragement as you begin the process? Then come to Moraine Valley Community College for the next Lean Manufacturing Networking Breakfast on Wednesday,

January 5, 2005, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Fogelson Theater. The Fogelson Theater is located in the college's Center for Contemporary Technology at

10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. This group gives businesses in our community a chance to exchange ideas, discuss roadblocks encountered and share success stories. The cost is \$15.

Lean Manufacturing is a process of industrialization emphasizing the elimination of extra "fat" or "waste" in the manufacturing process. Waste is defined as anything that does not add value to the customer. It could also be defined as anything the customer is unwilling to pay for.

Six companies met for the first breakfast meeting in November to discuss their Lean Manufacturing journeys and pose questions to the group. Under the facilitation of Nancy Glickman, program coordinator for Business and Industry training at Moraine Valley, and George Alukal, vice president of Corporate Quality and Process Improvement at the Chi-



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Palos Village Players hold auditions

The Palos Village Players will hold auditions for Neil Simon's comedy hit "Broadway Bound" at 8pm on December 9 and 14 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 LaGrange Road. Please enter from the rear parking lot. Adults of all ages are invited to try out. Auditions

will consist of reading from the script and

are open to the general public. No previous acting experience is required.

The production will be staged at Palos South Middle School from February 25-March 5, 2005. There are also opportunities for non-acting production jobs. Call 708-671-1091.

cago Manufacturing Center, the group discussed long-range planning and decided to arrange monthly meetings to exchange ideas and encourage each other in the Lean process. Other ideas are on the horizon as well, including tours of Lean Manufacturing plants, participating in continuous improvement events, and establishing a Lean chat room.

For additional information about Lean Manufacturing or about the breakfast, contact Nancy Glickman at (708) 974-5386 or e-mail glickman@morainevalley.edu.

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Schedules
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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for December 7th through December 20th:

I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some get 2 messages. This & Nuni's column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com* Tell your friends about it and DARE to read it for daily updates on the news, and more.

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Suddenly you look and feel better! Perhaps your Angel Michael is looking after your special needs. Money comes. H helps.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Something you have been holding onto must be let go of. You are moving forward, go with the flow! Don't look back.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Get a second chance to get it right with the cooperation of someone J or A. You have to make ready for new projects. T aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Be prepared to make changes in and around the house. People seem to be coming and going, making you tired. C aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Some of you get raises in pay or benefits and others get job offers. This can be an exciting week for all! B and D help.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: There is a money issue to be dealt with, perhaps at a distance. You will know what to do and when to do it. M helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You are looking at some serious changes that will be made with or without your input. Don't get sidetracked. R could help.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Arles & Scorpio: Now is the time to make agreements, put important papers together and do anything that needs legal doing. F involved.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: A warning that comes in a dream should be paid attention to. Someone F or P becomes involved in your immediate plans too.

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Start the year off right: "One-on-One Mini-Sessions" at **The Oak Forest Bowl** Dec 20th & Jan 3rd @ 152nd & S. Cicero & **NEW Jan 6th @ Karsons Rest @ 3422 W. 95th Ev Pk.** Both from 7-8:30pm. Appts/walk-in's; can be taped [add \$5]. Call us at 708-597-5866.

My Psychic Observations & Insights: Sound(s) Healing

There are certain sounds one can make that actually cause healing to come about. These are non-intrusive, not like medications or surgery, and are said to work miracles. I have put them together onto a cassette tape & CD and they can be used by anyone. It will not make one bit of difference as to what you are suffering from or how long you have had the condition. My tape SHHH is also for healing and calming, showing you how to take control of your own healing needs. Healing Sounds will be on Side 2 of the SHHH tape & on CD. So much is being discovered about so-called "*side effects*" of medication, but they are more likely *expected affects*. It may make a person more willing to try to do what their Creator has already built into them *to do* and this is to "*heal themselves.*" I have been instructed [by higher powers] to tell you "no matter what illness or dis-ease you may have, you can't buy for yourself or anyone else "*one more second of life*"...but you can make the rest of your life more endurable, and safer too.

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Holiday Joy

Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is offering a free educational program-Bright beginnings breakfast club. Join for coffee and conversation on Thursday December 9 from 8:30-9:30am. Joan Murphy RN Ph.D. will present "Holiday Joy". Call 708-423-5774 to register.

First Methodist Seniors-Cookies and Luncheon

The Women have cookies that will be on sale on Saturday December 11. This is the day of the 15th annual cookie walk starting at 10am. Shopping numbers will be given starting at 9am. Hundreds of Christmas cookies and other home-made fancy cookies will be available for your selection. (Only in pound quantities). Buy the pound of the cookies. Shop early. Do not be left out!

The United Seniors meeting at the First Methodist Church will have a Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 8th at 12:30pm. Tickets are available for \$8. Mrs. Pitlock is preparing the meal. Entertainment is an accordion musician and a sing a long. The seniors meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 12:30pm. Meetings are social, educational and entertaining. All seniors are invited.

Blake and Lamb Funeral Home

Sunday December 12 there will be a remembrance ceremony for loved ones at this Holiday season. This will be at Black and Lamb located 4727 W. 103rd St. in Oak Lawn. The program is 11am to 1pm with a prayer service at 12 noon. They would be honored if persons will join and place a snowflake with either the name or a two- inch photo of the family/friend member on one of the Family Memory Trees.

Blake and Lamb invite one to share some refreshments, enjoy beautiful music and get a memorial card. For further information call 708-636-1193.

Oak Lawn Community Church Breakfast with Santa and cookie sale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, will hold their Annual Breakfast with Santa and Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 11, 2004 from 9-11 am and Santa should arrive about 10am. On the menu is eggs, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, juice, toast, etc, all for a "Free Will Offering." There will also be beets, corn relish, jams, craft items, also with an array of homemade cookies. Bring all your friends and family. For more information please call the church office at 708-599-4025.

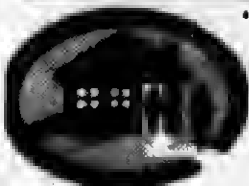
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Oak Lawn Library continues to collect "Toys for Tots"

The Oak Lawn Public Library is sponsoring a "Toys for Tots" collection drive through Thursday, December 23. Persons may drop off gifts for children up to age 12 in the library lobby. Do not wrap as items will be sorted for age and gender.

Oak Lawn Library hosts free opera lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library will host a free lecture on the Lyric Opera production "A Wedding" at 2pm on Sunday December 12. The lecture is in the lower level meeting room. A member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer and play musical selections. The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are the event sponsors.

OL Library continues to collect in the Fall Food Drive

The Oak Lawn Library's Fall Food Drive is underway until Thursday, December 23. Patrons may drop off nonperishable food and canned goods at the collection receptacles in the library's lobby. All donations go to local food pantries for distribution to needy families in the area. For more information call 708-422-4990.

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Oak Lawn approves Tax Levy Ordinance

By Matt Mayer

Acting Village Mayor Ron Stancik announced the retirement of Fire Chief Tom Moran at the December 14th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. The board approved an ordinance for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning Jan 1, 2004 and ending December 31st, 2004; the village's total tax levy is \$12,184,841. This amount is equal to last year's levy. The library's levy is \$3,883,793. This amount is an increase of \$ 36918 or .96 percent.

Trustee Marge Joy reported that she had her purse stolen and that the Oak Lawn Police Department provides a service. As soon as you go to see them they give you a paper and you call one number and everyone of your credit cards are cancelled immediately, Joy said. I want you to know what a wonder-

ful police department we have in working with people who have had something taken from them. "They're right there for you and they will assist and help you", Joy said. The non-emergency police department telephone number is 422-8292.

Trustee Steve Rosenbaum reported that an error was made by the state department of education. Office personal had identified district 123 a failing district. District 123 Superintendent Jim Paziotopoulos has contacted the Chicago Tribune which published the report and the State Superintendent of Education in regards to the misidentification.

The board approved a contract with Edward Hancock Engineering Company, for the relocation of a 10" Palos Park transmission main in Southwest Highway

in the amount of \$21,500. A contract with Kinsella landscaping of Blue Island, for the 2005 municipal landscape maintenance service was also approved. The board approved an ordinance amending a section of the village code regarding garbage collection charges. The charges will increase from \$37.45 to \$37.80 per quarter.

The board also approved a liquor license for 7-Eleven, Inc to be located at the now JJ Peppers store at 6765 W. 95th St. 5-2 Streit and Joy dissented. Trustee Jerry Hurckes said 7-Eleven has agreed not to sell single can servings of beer.

The Village Hall will be closed Dec 24th, 27th, 31st and Jan 3rd. The Dec 28th meeting has been cancelled due to the holidays. The next meeting is January 11th.



Christmas decorations are quite beautiful on every block in our distribution area, therefore we took a picture of one house to represent Christmas decorations across the street from Evergreen Park, IL. On the corner of 99th & Campbell, including seven homes, owners decorate every year. The father and son cut the outlines of the displays and the neighbors use their home to help keep Christmas beautiful for all to see. Photo by Mary Zielinski

Evergreen Park receives State sales tax revenue

By Matt Mayer

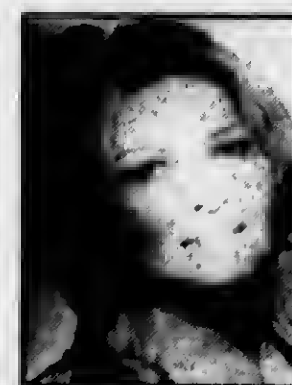
The December 6th, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Mayor James Sexton's announcement that through the diligent work of State Representative James Brosnahan, the village will receive \$4 million in state sales tax revenue, which will be allocated for the 95th Streetscap project.

The board approved an ordinance transferring and reclassifying appropriations for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2004 as well as an ordinance to a section of the municipal code pertaining to terms of elected office. The board honored the winners of the "Keep the Green in Evergreen" poster contest, which was conducted on Nov 6, at the Business Expo and Arts and Crafts Fair at Evergreen Park High School. Visitors of the fair voted on the posters. The

winners are as follows: third grader, Zoe Monks, who received a \$150 savings bond as well as a \$60 Evergreen Plaza gift certificate; second prize winner was fourth grader, Crissy Putlak who won a \$50 Game Crazy; and third place winner was third grader, Carolyn Roberts, who won a \$25 Evergreen Plaza gift certificate. The fifth and sixth grade first prize winner was sixth grader Alyssa Langevin, who received a \$150 saving bond as well as a \$60 Evergreen Plaza gift certificate; second prize winner was Samantha Nero who received a \$50 Evergreen Plaza gift certificate; and third prize winner was sixth grade, Beth Hreben who received a \$25 Evergreen Plaza gift certificate.

"Keep the Green in Evergreen" is a vital revenue source. The village receives one percent of all sales tax

collected by the merchants. A request for a \$35,652 Illinois Block grant to be used for education and crime prevention was also approved.



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Kimberly Duignan's house at 9344 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park is another decorated house to visit.

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Letter to the Editor

The Christmas Season is meant to be a time of renewal we remember the birth of the baby Jesus. The birth of a child is a wonderful gift and this Child Jesus was very special.

It is sad that our beautiful country has divided itself into red and blue.

Whatever happened to the red, white and blue we so openly cherish? We cannot be

successful in our quest for world peace if we don't unite as we did after 9/11.

Let us be realistic in what is truly important in this life. We see the fragile side of life every day. We have the opportunity during this holiday season to take stock of our lives and ring in 2005 with a new attitude and resolve. It is a gift that keeps on giving. Peace, Joy and Love to all in 2005!

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All the earth will adore
Him
Silent is the Night of
wonder
Thank you,
Marlene Jeziorski



Senate President Jones Reelected

Illinois Senate President, Emil Jones Jr., was reelected unanimously by the members of the Democratic Caucus in Springfield, to serve a second term as Senate President.

President Jones was elected Senate President in 2002. He previously served as Senate Democratic leader (minority leader) since 1993. He has been a member of the Illinois Senate since 1983 serving as chairman of the Senate Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities Committee. Jones was a member of the Illinois House from 1973-83, serving as the chairman of the House Insurance Committee and in House leadership.

During his first term as Senate President, the Illinois Senate passed legislation creating the Prescription Drug Program for senior and disabled citizens, cutting costs for prescriptions up to 40%. An increase to the state's minimum wage laws was passed, as was a bill to put teeth into the equal pay for equal work law. Other highlights of President Jones' first term was the passage of legislation making Illinois the first state, in the nation, to require videotaped interrogations in capital murder cases and reforms to Illinois' flawed criminal justice system.

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Taqueria Mi Durango opens second store

Taqueria Mi Durango opens its second store. One is in Oak Lawn at 103rd and Cicero and the new store is at 5206 W. 159th St., Oak Forest. They are open in Oak Forest: Mon-Wed. & Sun 10-10 pm, Thurs, Fri., & Sat 10-3 AM.

Presidential Response to U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

The Administration responded today to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, which has been a long, bipartisan process. The initial response by the president is encouraging, and the public and lawmakers eagerly await strong presidential leadership on oceans.

The Administration recognizes the oceans are in trouble and an action plan is necessary. A highlight of today's response was the President's issuance of an Executive Order that establishes a Cabinet-level Committee on Ocean Policy to better coordinate the federal government's ocean activities, a major recommendation of the Commission's report. Also, an opinion piece in the News-Sentinel today by James Connaughton, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality states that the Administration supports measures that protect coral reefs, supports ratification of the Law of the Sea Convention and will pursue ecosystem-based plans that include market-based mechanisms.

"We are pleased with the Administration's first steps towards protecting the oceans and look forward to working with them," said David Festa, Environmental Defense Ocean Program Director. "The status quo is bad for the oceans, and progress now depends on the energy the Administration puts into implementing change."

As part of their new Oceans Alive campaign, which calls for a "Teddy Roosevelt of the Oceans", Environmental Defense has appealed to President Bush to offer his vision for the oceans.

"The president has an opportunity to do for oceans what Teddy Roosevelt did for land," said Festa. "Establishing a Committee on Ocean Policy and supporting market-based incentives for fishing is a great start."

Environmental Defense has strongly urged President Bush to advocate fundamental ocean reform measures that will:

- Use protected areas and other tools to protect fragile ocean and coastal habitats;
- Use market-based incentives and science-based management to transform failing fisheries;
- Curb runoff that pollutes the oceans and harms wildlife;
- Maintain the moratorium on offshore oil and gas drilling;
- Establish strong environmental standards for aquaculture;
- Enforce conservation laws;
- Double federal funding for ocean science, exploration and education over the next 5 years; and
- Improve coordination of ocean protections programs by creating a Cabinet-level interagency National Oceans Council.

"By the time Americans head to the beaches next summer," said Festa. "We hope to see continued leadership from the Administration."

To learn more about Environmental Defense's Oceans Alive campaign, visit www.oceansalive.org. Visitors can:

- View Environmental Defense's letter to the president calling for a "Teddy Roosevelt of Our Oceans";
- Send a message to the president urging him to take leadership for oceans;
- Learn more about why oceans are in trouble;
- Send Oceans Alive postcards to friends and family to spread the word;
- Learn more about sustainable seafood that is good for the environment and your health and download the Seafood Selector.

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Happy Holidays

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Get ready for the "ride of your life when you enter 2005!" In looking into the past year there are still things to finish up! H's aid.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You might think you have seen and heard it all, but...also, health issues to deal with and kids to set straight. L helps and a Leo.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Say "goodbye" to the idea that you "can't!" You seem to find new ways to deal with old problems and people. C can help.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Many of you will marry, get engaged or make a firm commitment to love. For some, an old flame won't let go! M aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: K, C and someone N involved in helping you avoid pitfalls in money matters and a health concern. Travel.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Keyword: trust. Yes, trust in what has always been there for you [friends and family] and your own intuition. J helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Your 2005 does seem somewhat mysterious and exciting. But, a person with a "jaded past" reappears. This could be R or B.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: no one actually reads minds, but anyone can tell what is bothering you. A aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Read the Leo message and add this: you

have what others can only hope to achieve and that is "honesty and integrity!" J aids.

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Start the New Year with a "One-on-One Mini-Session" with me at *The Oak Forest Bowl* Dec 20th & Jan 3rd [152nd & S. Cicero] & also NEW Jan 6th at *Karsons Rest* [3422 W. 95th E. Pk]. Both start at 7 to 8:30pm. Appts/walk-in's [taped add \$5]. Call us at 708-597-5866. Pass this column on to a friend.

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Mind Shadows

All people have a secret life, one that resides in the shadows of the mind itself. No one can feel your pain, sense how you feel about this or that, or express the way you can. No one can anticipate what you really don't want or even what you do want to be a part of your life. You are a mys-

tery, everyone is a mystery, even your beloved! You see, we are all like *snowflakes*, with our unique differences. Although we bond with our parents and inherit genes from our forefathers, we are still responsible for our own development as we walk on our own *individual paths in life*. A fellow named Deepak Chopra says it so well, "we have walked in different gardens and knelt at different

graves." Some of us, however, are *star-crossed* and come to realize that we have met our *soul mate*, or, people who have something special to share with us or we learn from each other. In the *shadows of our minds* are likes, dislikes, talents and so much more. Meditation can bring into light what has been hidden in the shadows of our minds....

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Wise Women Share Their Stories

"Forget about your books," Regina Goralski's history teacher told the class. "Our history is in the newspaper now." That was wartime in the early 1940's. Women of that generation had families that struggled through the depression. Women of that generation had a childhood that rarely knew peace in their nation. Women of that generation saw the introduction of television, rock and roll, and space travel. Women of that generation have much to say to those that will take up the torch; that is why women like Regina Goralski, grandmothers of Queen of Peace High School students, were asked to visit and share their stories.

This is the second consecutive time that grandmothers were invited to join the Women Psychology and Literature interdisciplinary course taught by Joyce Cruse and Colleen Cichon-Mulcrone. The semester-long elective addresses issues women face throughout the entire life cycle, from birth through death. As the semester draws to a close, the class focuses on the later years of a woman's life. The assignment in the past has been to interview a woman over 60 and ask her about her life experiences. After reading through the reports students turned in, it became apparent that the women had such powerful messages that a forum to share them was needed. Thus, "Wise Women" was born.

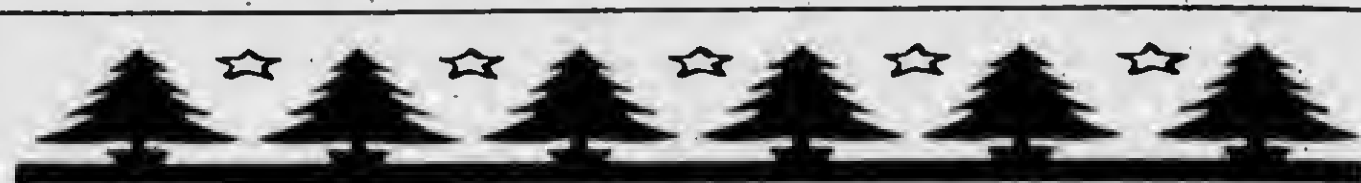
Over 10 guests attended the event, held December 13th. All of the women were grandmothers of their student hosts; most were from large families of six and seven siblings, most were married, most had children, and most were widows. Their occupations over the course of their lives varied greatly, ranging from stenographer and office assistant, to nurse, park district administrator, and courtroom supervisor for the Sheriff's Office.

Beyond places of work, the women also discussed how times have changed. One Hispanic woman remembered when job applications only had an option of Black or White when choosing race. One grandmother who worked as a nurse for many years commented that doctors were all men and they were "revered like Gods." We had to stand when they came in the room," she recalled. "They had better pay and better hours, too. I've been glad to see that has changed." Mary Prendergast, a teacher at Peace, joined the panel as a special guest. She commented, "There's a definite theme I've noticed here listening to these women speak. You should finish your education and work on a career before you get married and have children. Find out what you want to do and do it. Everything else can wait."

Cruse and Cichon-Mulcrone were very pleased with this year's gathering and plan to hold it again next year.

Homes decorated for Christmas

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Saint Michael School students sponsor a family for Christmas

The first graders at Saint Michael School participated in the Catholic Charities Sponsor-a-Family program

this month. This organization sponsors an estimated 600 families in need. The Saint Michael students were asked

to think of ways that they could earn money around their houses. Over \$900 dollars was brought in by the first graders. The students' teachers, Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Jager and Mrs. Quinn, used this money to purchase items that will make their sponsored family's holiday season special.

Oak Lawn police offer free gun locks

The holiday season is a time when children are home for extended vacations and tend to be more curious with time on their hands. Project Child Safe promotes safe storage and handling of all firearms.

Marisol Garcia was a 17 year old student who had her

whole life ahead of her and was looking forward to a career in the Navy. She was killed November 7th, 2004 due to the reckless handling of a shotgun by a friend and her dreams shattered.

In memory of Marisol's death, the Oak Lawn Police Department launched the dis-

tribution of over a TON of FREE gunlocks. If an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, then we have more than 32,000 ounces of prevention to distribute. The officers distributed 5,000 free gunlocks at Home Depot in Oak Lawn and other intersections and stores.

If someone you know might benefit from the use of a gunlock. Please help us spread the word by calling a non-emergency number at Oak Lawn Police station.



World Premier "Spamalot" comes to Shubert

Monty Python's "Spamalot" a musical ripped off from the motion picture Monty Python and the Holy Grail will make its World Premier at the Shubert Theatre before its Broadway introduction in February 2005. Famed director Mike Nichols will direct the production starring David Hyde Pierce, Tim Curry and Hank Azaria.

"Spamalot" will play the Shubert December 21 through January 23, 2005. Tickets range in price from \$25-\$87 and are available in all Broadway in Chicago box offices or at all Ticketmasters ticket centers (in Carson, Tower Records, and Hot Tix).

Karl Stewart visits the Tinley Park Public Library

Kids, bring your parents to meet left wing Karl Stewart, of the Chicago Wolves, who will appear at the Tinley Park Public Library on Wednesday, January 5th, 2005 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Stewart will be kicking off the Read to Succeed reading club hosted by the library for children in grades 1 through 12. Parents and children are invited to the kick-off.

One lucky child will be picked to be dressed in hockey gear and autographs will be signed for the children. Registration begins Monday, December 20th, 2004. For additional information please phone 708-532-0160, x 5732. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.



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Four generations of women visit Santa (L to R) Granddaughter Tracy holding 17 day old Great-Granddaughter Brianna, Eb Hamer (Santa), Daughter Linda and Mom June Hamer (Mrs. Clause)

Seeing Santa is a family affair

On Saturday, December 11th, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, held it's annual Breakfast with Santa. As in the past years, Oak Lawn residents, June and Eb Hamer have been taking on the persona of Santa and Mrs. Claus.

On that day, the youngest child to sit on Santa's lap was 17 days old, and the oldest child was 89 years old.

The Hamers have appeared as the holiday couple since 1996 at the Foresters Camping Club Christmas party. Since that time, they have been at Celeste Dance

Studio in Evergreen Park, Calumet City Catholic Charities Retirement Home, the Foresters Court Children's Christmas Party.

Recently they delighted children at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Homewood and at Delia Turner School in Robbins. As always, they treat the children to a goody bag of toys, coloring books and crayons.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamer are the dear parents of Linda Du Puy, composition and layout person for Village View Publications.

Linda has hosted the Oak Lawn Church Breakfast with

Santa for ten years now.

She and her husband Mike recently became grandparents when daughter Tracy and her husband Scott received a Thanksgiving package in the birth of their first child, Brianna Sunshine.

Brianna was the youngest child to visit with Santa (17 days old), and was a big hit with the other attendees.

This was the first time in which there were four generations of women in their family enjoying an event together.

It helped to make Brianna's first visit to Santa a more memorable one.

Christmas Around the World

The Museum of Science and Industry time-honored celebration, Christmas Around the World and Holiday of Light is running until January 9, 2005. The tradition began in 1942 as a United Nations day salute to American allies during World War II. Certainly with United State troops in the mid-east, Americans can consider honoring their heritage and family members service by viewing the ethnic trees and creches gracing the Museum's halls.

Guests will enjoy displays, stories, and music and dance performances honoring the Chinese New Year, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, Winter Solstice and other seasonal holidays.

Regular Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 9:30am-4pm and Sunday 11am-4pm. The Winter School Holiday hours are to 5:30pm during December 20-January 2, 2005. The Museum is located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. The phone number is 773-684-1414.

Grinches attempt to stop holiday cheer at Snackville

For the last 18 years, Snackville Junction, an eatery located at 9144 Kedzie Ave in Evergreen Park, has given away turkey dinners for Thanksgiving. Snackville has become popular, not only for their generosity, but for the train that brings your food to you before you eat.

Their good will has been welcomed with open arms in the past, but now people are beginning to wonder if the so-called streak of "bad luck" following the Thanksgiving meals, is more than just that.

Owner Jeff Silhan stated that in 2002, Snackville was robbed shortly after Thanksgiving. In 2003, the door was broken, but nothing was taken. This year, "bad luck" again befell them, when an armed robber took what cash they could from the employees.

There is no proof that these acts of vandalism are really related to the acts of kindness, but it does seem coincidental.

Mr. Silhan said that the worst part was the feeling of being violated. Unfortunately, I'm sure many of our readers can identify with him.

The holiday mood continues despite everything, as patrons have the opportunity to eat with Santa this week. Call 708 / 423-1313 for more information.

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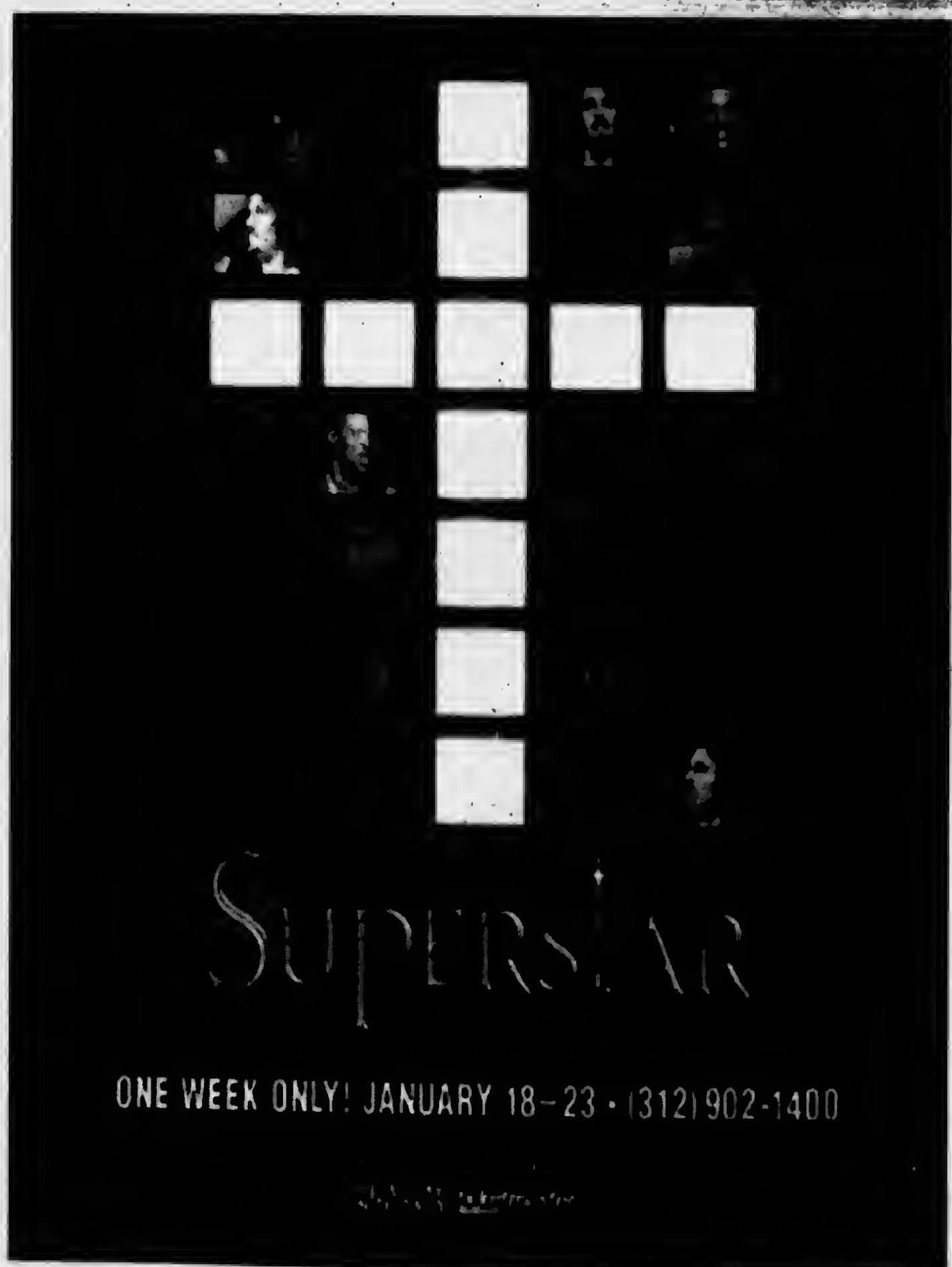
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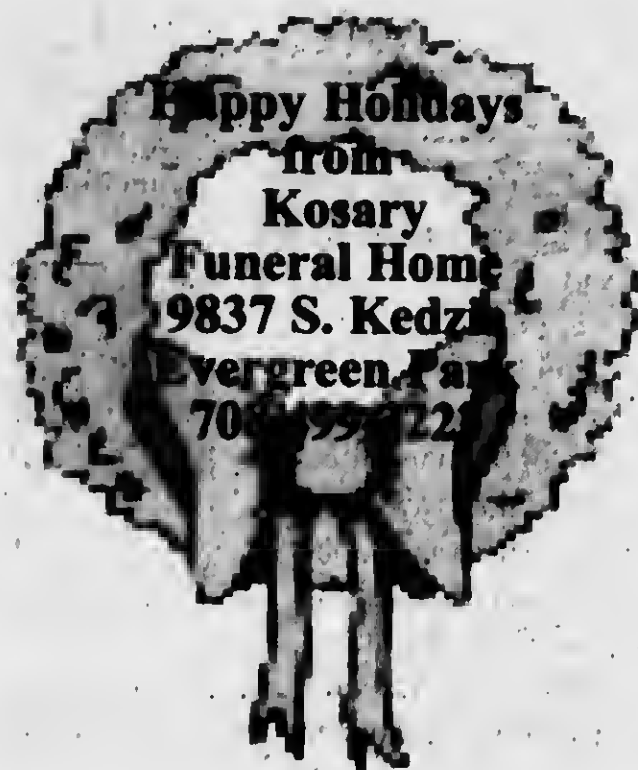
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forming Arts in Washington DC in seven performances over the Thanksgiving holiday. It was well received by audiences and critics alike.

According to Sarah Kaufman of the Washington Post, DC's paper of record, "the production is gorgeous

to look at and brightly danced., the Joffrey's wholesome, standard take on the 112-year-old ballet feels exceedingly fresh."

The Joffrey's "Nutcracker" is now at the Auditorium Theatre. Tickets are priced from \$15. The show

runs through December 26th. Performances are Dec 21,22,23 at 2 and 7pm and Dec 24 and 26 at 2pm. There will be a special \$15 college student "rush" tickets available an hour before curtain for any remaining

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The Meaning of Christmas

Every holiday season begins with the same holly jolly goal of making Christmas morning a perfect event. Our cups runneth over with good cheer and along the way we yearn to feel the true meaning of Christmas, which sometimes takes us in different directions.

We hang mistletoe from doorways to remind us of the meaning of love. We decorate our trees with hundreds of tiny, sparkling lights and our hearts light up with hope.

For every family there are traditions that live on from year to year. Our Christmas eve tradition is to celebrate with my husband

Bill's family. We usually gather at my mother-in-law's house in the early evening. We exchange gifts while "It's A Wonderful Life", plays on the T.V.

Afterwards the children play with their newly opened presents, while adults catch up on what's been going on in their lives. It's always a joy filled time where laughter rings out loud and clear and little ones anticipate the much awaited visit from Santa in the morning.

The women chat about the chaos filled days leading up to this night and echoes of, "Can you believe it's Christmas already?" are repeated more than once. It has been this way since I came into the Whirity family

fold over 28 years ago.

But, one long ago Christmas eve we broke with tradition, a wee bit, leaving the festivities to take the girls to midnight mass. The idea of going to mass late at night, instead of first thing Christmas morning, really appealed to them, so off we went.

The weather was treacherous that year, but we were warmed with the glow of the holiday spirit and the inner contentment of feeling the goodwill towards our fellow man. The church was overflowing with people all dressed up and feeling quite reverent. As Silent Night was being sung, a feeling of peace could be felt throughout the church aisles. The blasting of the trumpets and horns that

accompanied the pre mass Christmas carols left the church crowd full of awe and wonder. Indeed the feeling of Christmas resided inside this church, this night - or so I thought.

At the service's end, the throng of parishoners spilled out into the cold night air. The frozen rain fell into sheets of ice, on the sidewalk, making it extremely slick and difficult to walk. Off to the side of the church stood the manger. Glancing over to admire its beauty I caught a glimpse of something unexpected on this blustery night. There, in the middle of an ice storm, an elderly woman kneeling on the cold, bare, icy cement, her hands folded in prayer in front of the Christ child. She seemed oblivious to the church crowd rushing passed her. As the cold winds blew and slashed pellets of stinging ice across her face this committed woman continued to kneel there, intent on her devotion

to the occupants in the manger.

This year will be the 20th anniversary of that memorable night. I have never forgotten that Jesus gave it to me as a gift that long ago Christmas eve. Thinking about that woman I am reminded that this woman didn't need to hear the Christmas carols to carry the song of our Saviour in her heart. This woman didn't need fancy clothes to wear, she was well dressed in her abiding faith -celebrating Christmas on bended knee, upon an ice covered pavement. This may be the season to be jolly and though I'll deck the halls and still find joy in running to the mall for last minute gifts, I will always hold this memory dear to my heart. Happy birthday Jesus! And, thanks for reminding me that Christmas is not found under the tree - it's found in your heart.

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Oak Forest students participate in holiday service projects

During this holiday season the students at Oak Forest High School have been very busy sponsoring many different fundraisers and collection drives for various organizations that needed assistance during the holiday season. The Na-

tional Honor Society sponsored a collection for soldiers stationed in Iraq and for *Operation Christmas Child*.

The Interact Club once again sponsored a toy drive for the *Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation*

and collected over a 1200 toys for children facing painful treatment procedures.

The Varsity Club collected warm hats and gloves for those in need while the FCCLA and BPA Clubs adopted families from a

neighboring school district. The FCCLA club also sold ornaments for the school's holiday tree and the proceeds were donated to the

United States Marines' Toys for Tots program. The Student Council held a canned food drive during December and donated the food to To-

gether We Cope. Once again the students and staff of Oak Forest High School proved that it is better to give than to receive.



Student Council Senior Class Officers and Activities Director Bro. Jack Hibbard, OSA sort food donations at St. Rita

St Rita students collect for those less fortunate

St Rita High School held its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and collected 14,762 food items for Visitation Parish Food Pantry. Homerooms created friendly competition for the most donations indicated Activities Director Jack Hibbard, OSA. This year section 4A, Dr Kisiicki's homeroom took first place with 3735 food items donated.

The Student Council is currently conducting a Christmas toy drive for "An-

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Flags with signatures of servicemen hang in public places

by Bridget Fagan

The December 7th Tinley Park board meeting kicked off with a public hearing on the proposed dollar amount of the 2004 Village property tax levy. The projected amount is set at \$13,979,040.00. This would be a 6.1% increase from 2003's extended property tax levy of \$13,178,098.00. After the floor opened and there were no comments from the public, the amount was approved by the committee.

Akeem Larkin of Tinley Park was presented with a citizens award by the Tinley Park Police Department. On October 10, 2004, twelve year old Akeem noticed his neighbor lying on a garage floor, injured and in need of medical attention. Akeem immediately alerted his fa-

ther, who then notified the police department. Medical attention was provided to the resident in need, thanks to Akeem's recognition and response to a serious situation. Another award was presented to several citizens present at Bogart's Chophouse on September 19, 2004. After a patron of the restaurant began choking on a piece of food, Don Maytysek, James Gertzen and Richard Kerbs immediately went to the individual's aid. With the assistance of another patron, Jim Gripe, the obstruction was removed from the victim's throat. As the victim was not breathing, James Gertzen and Steve Zuranski began to perform C.P.R. until medical attention arrived. Through the joint effort of these citizens, the victim sur-

vived. Mayor Zabrocki expressed additional gratitude to the medical people involved, stating, "quick action saves lives".

Three controversial billboards will be removed from the intersection of 171st Street and LaGrange Road. The billboards are three years into a five year contract. When the contract ends, the billboards will be removed.

Two hundred boxes full of food, holiday gifts and Tinley Park flags were sent to various soldiers currently serving in Iraq. A flag with signatures from service men hangs proudly in Tinley Park's Village Hall. As more of these signed flags are sent back signed, they will start appearing in various Tinley Park locations, such as the Public Library.



Pictured left to right: Chief Butch Kaszubski (New Lenox), Mayor Mike Smith (New Lenox), Mayor Ray Rossi (Frankfort), Sgt. Lora DelBianco (New Lenox), Chief David Laveck (Orland Hills), Town and Country driver, Chief Tim McCarthy (Orland Park).

Safe ride home program

The New Year's Eve Safe Ride Home Program offers FREE rides home (with no questions asked) for New Year's Eve partygoers who are unable to safely drive themselves. The program was started in 1994 and participating communities include Orland Park, New Lenox, Mokena, Palos Park, Tinley Park, Orland Hills and Frankfort. Town and Country Limousine Service provides the rides. The seven communities pay \$398 per village to cover the cost of the service. Last year, eight vehicles made a total of 68 trips with 180 passengers.

Service is available from 11 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2004 until 4 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2005 by calling Town and Country Limousine at 1-800-381-6222.

Big news for Oak Forest shoppers

by Bridget Fagan

After a study by the city of Oak Forest, called the gateway project, three national developers approached Oak Forest regarding commercial property development at 167th Street and Cicero Avenue.

Nationally renowned developer, Archon Retail was chosen for the project. Archon representative, Kirk Bailey presented the Oak Forest Council Members with an architectural blue

print of a 400,000 square foot commercial retail shopping center to be erected at 167th St. and Cicero Ave.

The village approved resolution number 2592 at the council meeting on December 14, 2004, authorizing the city of Oak Forest to enter into exclusive negotiations with Archon Retail for the purpose of redeveloping the said property. Giglio & DelGallo, LLP will be representing most of the current property owners. These property owners are endors-

ing moving on with Archon exclusively until March 2005. They will jointly market the property. No up front money is needed from the city of Oak Forest for this project. According to Mayor Gordon, "this is probably the largest retail project Oak Forest has seen". All above mentioned parties, including the Oak Forest Council members, expressed shared enthusiasm, and an eagerness to work together.

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Oak Forest's proposed "Reverse 911 System"

The City of Oak Forest plans to install a "Reverse 911 System." This system will allow Oak Forest's Emergency Telephone System Board to warn residents threatened by an emergency by placing a telephone call to them using the information contained in the existing 911 database.

The existing 911 database has the name, address, and telephone number of every telephone subscriber in the area served by Oak Forest emergency services. The

new "Reverse 911 System" will allow emergency services to use this information to place warning calls to residents who are threatened by an emergency. Examples include fire, contaminated drinking water, criminal or terrorist activity, and weather related emergencies such as tornados or other potentially dangerous storms.

Federal and Illinois law permits SBC to provide all telephone listings (listed and unlisted) to Emergency Telephone System Boards for use

in Reverse 911 Systems.

Oak Forest has asked the Cook County Circuit Court for the appropriate court order. As part of that process, the presiding judge has ordered Oak Forest to give residents with unlisted numbers the chance to delete their names from the Reverse 911 System. This is called "opting out." If you choose to opt out, Oak Forest will delete your name from the system and you will not receive a telephone call from Oak Forest emergency services when they issue a warning via the system. Opting out will have no effect on your ability to call 911 in the event of an emergency.

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Palos Heights study to be completed in 2005

by Carlene O'Connor

At the Palos Heights City council meeting the TIF district was changed to take out the Eastern preserve and the area north of the Tiffany Square shopping center.

What it does want is to make the dealership at Route 83 and Harlem Avenue Cen-

ter the new TIF district to include both sides of south Harlem Ave.

The study should be completed by spring of 2005, which will use Lake Katherine TIF Funds of \$240,000. The property at 8115 W. 131 Street was annexed and rezoned for a Pa-

los Hills group plans on building 18 town homes on the site.

The council also adopted a tax levy of 3.55 percent increase over last year by a 7-1 vote. The only dissenting vote was Jack Clifford (2nd Ward) who voted against it.

Chicago Ridge homeowners receive Christmas present

By Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance, which allows for a property tax rebate at the Dec 7, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The rebate will be dispersed to homeowners from surplus tax funds in sum of \$350,000. This rebate excludes commercial properties.

A resolution for the 2004 Cook County - Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), which allows for lower income areas to receive street repairs and other improvements if so needed, was also approved.

The board approved a request from the Santa Lucia School, located at 3017 S. Wells St. for a bingo and raffle to be held at the Glendora House on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the 2005 calendar year - the proceeds will benefit the school.

The board approved a business license for John J. Gnapp M.D. a physician's of-

fice at 10436 Southwest Highway.

A request by the public works department to purchase 15 class two safety vests at a cost of \$24.15 each, for a total of \$370.00, was approved, as well as an inverter for Truck Number 75.

A request to purchase a scanner for the public works and police vehicles in the amount of \$5,499.00, with the cost being shared between the two departments, was also approved.

A request for vehicle exhaust modification repair at Fire Station 2 in the amount of \$43,169.00 was approved as well as a police department request to purchase a replacement 2005 Ford Crown Victoria which was destroyed.

A request for the police department to commence with a bulletproof vest program was also approved. Twelve vests will be replaced the first year at a cost

of \$12,000. Police Chief Tim Baldermann outlined a neighborhood watch program that he developed the program divides the village into six zones.

Goodbye to our Firechief

Village View Newspapers extends our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Worth Fire Chief Donald J. Stefaniak. Mr. Stefaniak died Thursday, December 9th, 2004 after a long battle with cancer. He joined the Worth Fire Department in 1986 and also worked at several south suburban fire departments before becoming chief of the Worth Fire Department on November 2, 1999.

He will be missed by his mother, Bernice Stefaniak of Hickory Hills, Gregory Stefaniak of Hickory Hills, and a daughter, Kelli Ruger of Hickory Hills and three grandchildren. Ms. Marjory Lee Stefaniak had passed away several years ago. memorial can still be made to the Worth Lions Club in the Fire Chief's name.



Chicago Ridge Park District awarded this home 2nd place in their holiday house decorating contest. Congratulations! Photo by Mary Zielinski

Ron Miner Jr. wins the Gold in the Olympics

by Carlene O'Connor

In today's world celebrities do not usually live next door to you. Ron Miner Jr. has competed in the Natural Olympia VII Bodybuilding competition in Las Vegas, Nevada and has worked out in Palos Hills.

This contest is the best of the best in natural bodybuilding and the man could not be more humble. You must have won previous qualifying contests to be able to compete in Las Vegas. He competed in the physically challenged wheelchair division.

Winners of the wheelchair division were given gold medals and named best in the world. Second and third were given silver and bronze just like the Olympics. People from around the world attended this competition. There was a drug test given before the contest.

Financial support came from numerous backers and he thanks his brother Jess who flew down to Reno for

the event in order to assist with contest preparation.

Ron Trains every other day for 15 minutes a session. Currently he is number one in the world. He plans on defending his title and keeping his title for team USA, and hopes to compete again next year.



Ron Miner Jr. in competition

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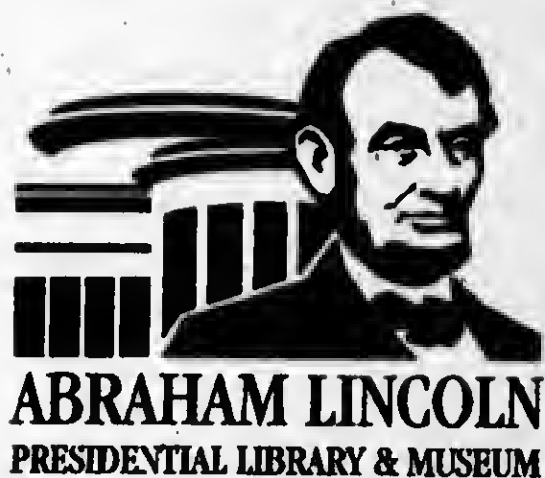
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